Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: March 15, 2016	Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol / East Los Angeles	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☑

Incident Information

URN: 014-15096-0286-013	Date: November 16, 2014 Time: 0239 Hours
City or Station: East Los Angeles Station	Nature of Incident: Deputy Involved Shooting
Location: S. Hillview Avenue/Verona Street Los Angeles	

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other: Driveway

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☐ Clear
- ☑ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☑ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect	Aero Unit?	Canine Unit?
18	0	☑	☑

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]EM [redacted]PM [redacted]Day	[redacted]egular [redacted]vertime [redacted]ff Duty
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]EM [redacted]PM [redacted]Day	[redacted]Regula[redacted]Overtime [redacted]Off Duty
[redacted]	Valdez	Eric	J.	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name: Lewis		First Name: Rick		M.I.: nmn	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph: 323-269-4124	Home Ph: [redacted]	
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]		M.I.: [redacted]	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip: [redacted]	Work Ph: [redacted]	Home Ph: [redacted]	
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]		M.I.: [redacted]	
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph: [redacted]	Home Ph: [redacted]	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Bojorquez	Richard	A.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Westall	Tim	J.

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SH-R-438A (rev. 10/01/15)

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
11/16/14	0500	03/24/16	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Harpham	Richard	J.
[redacted]	Bracken	Sonja	M.
[redacted]	Eitner	Eric	A.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	UC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#1	E#2	UC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#1	E#1	FO	ZZ	WW	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#1	E#2	FO	ZZ	WW	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#1	E#3	FO	ZZ	WW	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#1	E#4	FO	ZZ	WW	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
E#1	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS/DH	CH
E#2	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS/DH	AD
E#3	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS/DH	LE
E#4	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS/DH	HD
S#2	E#1	UC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#2	E#2	UC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#2	E#3	UC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
S#2	E#4	UC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NN	NN
UNK	S#2	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS/DH	NK

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
S[redacted] Race[redacted]	Rank: Deputy	U[redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, [redacted]):
ShiftTime (circle only one): [redacted]EM [redacted]M [redacted]ay	ShiftType (circle only one): [redacted]egular [redacted]vertime [redacted]ff Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: N/A
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name: N/A	Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2014-07785-85 / 86 — Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty[redacted]	Clothing (circle only one): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: [redacted] Weight: [redacted]			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon[redacted] Used?	Patrol Certification?[redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings?[redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber 9mm	# Shots 4	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #[redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp #[redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Miller	First Name Steven	M.I. G.
Sex: M Race: W	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 21-A
ShiftTime (circle only one): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (circle only one): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: N/A
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name: N/A	Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2014-07785-85 / 86 — Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Du[redacted]	Clothing (circle only one): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 506 Weight: 170			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapo[redacted] Used?	Patrol Certification?[redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings?[redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber 9mm	# Shots 5	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #[redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E 3

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Mendoza	First Name Richard	M.I. S.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 25
ShiftTime (circle only one): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (circle only one): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: N/A
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name: N/A	Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2014-07785-85 / 86 — Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty[redacted]	Clothing (circle only one): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 505 Weight: 140			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon[redacted] Used?	Patrol Certification?[redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings?[redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber 9mm	# Shots 7	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #[redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I.[redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp #[redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

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E 4

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Vaca	First Name: David	M.I.: A.
Sex: M Race: M	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 25
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: N/A
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name: N/A	Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case #: 2014-07785-85 / 86 — Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 600	Weight: 200		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber: 9mm	# Shots: 2	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]

E ___

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Bermudez		First Name: Eduardo	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: H	Street Addres[redacted]	City [redacted]	[redacted]
Work Phone: N/A	Ho[redacted]	Social Sec[redacted]	Driver's Licen[redacted]
Age: 26 D.O.B. 04/19/88	Height: 509 Weight: 195	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # None	Primary Charge: None	Secondary Charge: None	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2014-07785-85	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Alcohol
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☑	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Model: Year:	Parole: [redacted]	Probation: [redacted]	Prior Felony Conviction: [redacted]

S 2

Last Name: Lara		First Name: Ricardo	M.I.: A.
AKA Last Name: Avilar		First Name: Ricardo	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: H	Street Addre[redacted]	City [redacted]	[redacted] Zip [redacted]
Work Phone: N/A	Home[redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's Licen[redacted]
Age: 57 D.O.B. 06/01/57	Height: 505 Weight: 160	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # None	Primary Charge: None	Secondary Charge: None	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2014-07785-86	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Alcohol
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: Hyundai Model: Tucson Year: 2005	Parole: [redacted]	Probation: [redacted]	Prior Felony Conviction: [redacted]

S

Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: Model: Year:	Parole:	Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Navarro #[redacted]	Manuel		5019 E. Third Street Los Angeles, Ca.	90022	323-264-4151	
Stella #[redacted]	Brice	A.	1060 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, Ca.	90001	323-881-7800	
Wilber #[redacted]	Michael	R.	1060 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, Ca.	90001	323-881-7800	
River #[redacted]	Tracy	D.	1060 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, Ca.	90001	323-881-7800	
Rodriguez #[redacted]	Michael	A.	5019 Third Street Los Angeles, Ca.	90022	323-264-4151	
Sanchez #[redacted]	David		5019 Third Street Los Angeles, Ca.	90022	323-264-4151	
Toriz #[redacted]	Edgar	F.	5019 Third Street Los Angeles, Ca.	90022	323-264-4151	
Diaz #[redacted]	Catalina		5019 Third Street Los Angeles, Ca.	90022	323-264-4151	
Alatorre #[redacted]	Andrew	H.	5019 Third Street Los Angeles, Ca.	90022	323-264-4151	
Hernandez #[redacted]	Ricardo		5019 Third Street Los Angeles, Ca.	90022	323-264-4151	

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Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspects Deceased (2)**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2370134**
URN#:	**014-15096-0286-013**
DATE/TIME:	**November 16, 2014, 0239 Hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **Verona Street, Los Angeles**

On November 16, 2014, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Richard Harpham, Sergeant Eric Eitner, and Sergeant Sonja Bracken responded to East Los Angeles Station regarding an on-duty hit shooting. The shooting resulted in the deaths of Suspect Eduardo Bermudez and Suspect Ricardo Avelar Lara.

On December 16, 2015, this case was subsequently reassigned to IAB Sergeant James Jordan.

IAB Lieutenant Harpham confirmed that the watch commander, Lieutenant Tim Westall, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident. Lieutenant Westall ensured they did not discuss it amongst themselves, or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, and that the involved personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Harpham ensured the watch commander had involved personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they were afforded the opportunity to provide a statement to the assigned investigators.

Detectives Teri Bernstein and Angus Ferguson from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the crime scene. For further information, refer to the Homicide case book, under URN #014-15096-2886-013 **[EXHIBIT A]**.

SYNOPSIS

On November 16, 2014, at approximately 0224 hours, East Los Angeles Station received a 9-1-1 call **[EXHIBIT B]** from [redacted] who was identified as the victim of an assault with a deadly weapon call. He reported, "a bunch of guys" in

a grey Hyundai sports utility type vehicle license, #[redacted] pointed a handgun at him. The front passenger, who pointed the handgun at Victim [redacted] was described as wearing a baseball hat with the word "Navy" written in gold lettering. The passenger was also described as being intoxicated. For further information regarding the suspect vehicle information see DMV printout **[EXHIBIT C]**.

East Los Angeles Deputies Michael Rodriguez and David Sanchez (Unit 24) received the call for service, Tag 51 The call stated the suspect vehicle was last seen westbound Whittier Boulevard from Atlantic Boulevard. For further information regarding Tag 51, see incident details **[EXHIBIT D].**

Deputies Rodriguez and Sanchez were enroute to the call when they were flagged down by Victim [redacted] at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Hubbard Street. Deputy Sanchez questioned him for pertinent crime broadcast information. Simultaneously, assisting units checked the vicinity for the suspect vehicle. Assisting units also drove to the neighborhood where the vehicle was registered [redacted]. The registered owner address was less than [redacted] mile from the location where the original crime occurred.

Victim [redacted] told responding deputies that prior to the call, he worked [redacted] at the "[redacted]" After work, Victim [redacted] walked northbound Atlantic Boulevard, on the east sidewalk, toward his parked vehicle. As he walked, he heard the sound of a gun being "racked." Victim [redacted] said he turned toward the sound and saw the front passenger of the grey Hyundai sport utility vehicle pointing a black semi-automatic handgun at him. Victim [redacted] feared for his life and ran toward his car, which was parked on Atlantic Boulevard. The suspect vehicle continued northbound Atlantic Boulevard to westbound Whittier Boulevard. Victim [redacted] entered his car and followed the suspect vehicle long enough obtain its license plate number.

> **IAB Note:** The "[redacted]" or "[redacted]" is a [redacted] located at [redacted] n the unincorporated County area of East Los Angeles.

Victim [redacted] told deputies the front passenger, who pointed the gun at him, was wearing a dark colored baseball hat with the word "Navy" in gold letters. Victim [redacted] said there were three suspects in the vehicle. Deputies Rodriguez advised assisting units of the information via radio broadcast.

Assisting Unit [redacted] Deputies [redacted] and Steven Miller, utilized Department resources and discovered the suspect vehicle was registered to an address nearby. They parked their patrol vehicle (SD6196) on Amalia Street, just north of Verona Street, and monitored traffic for the suspect vehicle. Unit 25, Deputies Richard Mendoza and David Vaca, parked their patrol vehicle (SH 0489) in an alley, west of Goodrich Boulevard, south of Verona Street, facing north. Within minutes, the suspect vehicle drove eastbound Verona Street from Atlantic

Boulevard. Deputy [redacted] who was driving, followed the vehicle for a short distance to confirm the license plate matched the suspect vehicle. Once the license plate was confirmed as matching the suspect vehicle, Deputy Miller initiated emergent radio traffic on the "patch."

> **IAB Note:** Dispatch Channels, or the "Patch" is an open radio frequency between field units and Sheriff's Communication Center.

Almost immediately, the suspect vehicle turned southbound Hillview Avenue and stopped along the west curb line. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca drove westbound Verona Street and saw Unit [redacted] behind the suspect vehicle. The front passenger of the suspect vehicle, who was identified as Eduardo Bermudez, exited the car and stood near the rear bumper of the suspect vehicle.

Deputies Mendoza and Vaca stopped along the driver's side of unit [redacted] in anticipation of a felony traffic stop. Suddenly, the suspect vehicle pulled forward, approximately [redacted] feet, turning into a short driveway and stopping. Deputy Mendoza, who was driving, stopped directly behind the suspect vehicle.

> **IAB Note:** The driveway is adjacent to an apartment complex located on the [redacted] corner of Verona Street and Hillview Avenue. Although the address to the location is on Verona Street, the parking garages and driveway are located on Hillview Avenue. See overhead picture of the incident location **[EXHIBIT E].**

Deputies [redacted] and Miller maintained focus on Suspect Bermudez, who repeatedly yelled, "What's my name!" Suspect Bermudez appeared angry and intoxicated. His speech was described as rambled and slurred.

Suspect Bermudez stood 15-20 feet from Deputies [redacted] and Miller. He reached into the left side of his jacket with his right hand and partially exposed a handgun several times. The gun was clearly identified based on the grip and trigger guard. Fearing Suspect Bermudez was about to shoot them, Deputies [redacted] and Miller pointed their handguns at him. They yelled commands several times, in English and in Spanish, for Suspect Bermudez to show his hands.

The commands were heard by Deputies Mendoza and Vaca who were south of Unit [redacted] They realized they were in the line of fire and they exited their vehicle. They ran northbound Hillview Avenue, along the east curb line. They sought cover on the driver's side of Unit [redacted] alongside Deputy [redacted] Deputy personnel kept the vehicle between them and Suspect Bermudez, who continued to partially draw the gun and yell. Deputies continued to give verbal commands to Suspect Bermudez to show his hands and lay on the ground. The commands were given in English and Spanish. Suspect Bermudez did not comply.

The driver of the suspect vehicle, who was identified as Ricardo Avelar Lara, exited the car and stood near the left side of the rear bumper. He was directly in the line of fire of the deputies. Deputies gave Suspect Lara several verbal commands to get out of the way. The commands were given in both English and Spanish. Deputies also motioned to him with their hands and arms to get out of the way, but he did not comply. Suspect Lara appeared to be intoxicated and remained in the line of fire, 25-30 feet directly behind Suspect Bermudez.

Seconds later, Suspect Bermudez pulled the gun completely from his jacket. Deputies [redacted] Miller, Mendoza, and Vaca perceived his actions as life threating, and fired their handguns. The rounds struck Suspect Bermudez in the torso and extremities. He fell backward, onto the ground. Suspect Bermudez's gun landed on the ground in close proximity.

Deputy Miller advised, via the radio, deputies had been involved in a shooting. Within two minutes, the Los Angeles County Fire Department was summoned to render medical attention to the suspects.

> **IAB Note:** It was later determined Suspect Bermudez's gun was a "Tanfoglio Witness 1911," air pistol. The gun is designed to look very similar to the Colt 1911A .45 caliber handgun. See Scientific Services Bureau examination report, including photos **[EXHIBIT A, pages 195-198]**.

Within seconds, additional units and Sergeant [redacted] ([redacted]), who was assigned as the early morning field sergeant, arrived. Based on information in the call that there was a third outstanding suspect, a containment was initiated.

Immediately following the shooting incident, [redacted] exited the apartment complex [redacted] the street from the target location. Witness [redacted] identified herself as the [redacted] of Suspect [redacted] After refusing to leave the area, she was detained in the back seat of a patrol car. [redacted] exited the apartment complex of the target location. Witness [redacted] identified herself as Suspect Lara's [redacted] She told Sergeant [redacted] Suspect Lara was hiding near his parked vehicle. Witness [redacted] was detained in the rear seat of a patrol car pending further investigation. As Witness [redacted] was being detained, an unknown deputy indicated on the patch that a male was seen running toward the laundry room of the target location.

Within minutes of the shooting, East Los Angeles Station received a call of a reported male running through the target location apartment complex toward the laundry room. See photos of the area **[EXHIBIT F]**.

Due to the extenuating circumstances presented at the time of the incident (high ground, emotional family, the unknown whereabouts of Suspect Lara, and a possible outstanding third suspect), Sergeant [redacted] contacted Emergency

Services Detail (ESD) and requested their assistance. Emergency Services Detail arrived with an armored vehicle known as a "MedCat."

IAB Note: ESD deputies are certified paramedics. Their primary responsibility is to support the Special Weapons Teams and patrol.

IAB Note: The "MedCat" is an armored truck, outfitted as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance.

Emergency Services Detail (ESD) arrived approximately 20 minutes after they were requested by Sergeant [redacted] They met Sergeant [redacted] on Hillview Avenue north of the incident. Sergeant [redacted] relayed pertinent information regarding the circumstances presented. The ESD deputies briefly formulated a rescue plan and initiated it. The formulated plan was to utilize the armored vehicle and limit exposure to possible threats to deputy personnel. Based on Victim [redacted] information, there was a possible third suspect.

Approximately 43 minutes after the shooting, ESD deputies utilized the armored vehicle, which paralleled them in to, and out of, the scene. Deputy personnel placed Suspect Bermudez on a hand held stretcher and carried him northbound Hillview Avenue to awaiting Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel for medical treatment. They advised Sergeant [redacted] that, while rescuing Suspect Bermudez, they saw Suspect Lara laying on the ground near the suspect vehicle. Suspect Lara did not appear to be moving or hiding. Deputy personnel approached, and retrieved, Suspect Lara using the same general tactics as with Suspect Bermudez. While approaching Suspect Lara, they realized he was injured. They placed him on a stretcher and retreated to awaiting fire personnel for medical treatment.

Suspect Bermudez was pronounced deceased at approximately 0339 hours by Los Angeles County Fire Engine Company #22, Captain Lewis #[redacted] Suspect Lara was pronounced deceased at approximately 0340 hours by Captain Lewis. See Los Angeles County Fire Department incident details and Medical Services Report Forms FR52666-2 (Suspect Eduardo Bermudez) and FR52672-5 (Suspect Ricardo Lara) **[EXHIBIT G]**.

The focus shifted to the search for the outstanding third suspect. Sergeant [redacted] requested a Special Enforcement Bureau Special Weapons Team. Four deputies from the Gold Team and K-9 personnel responded to assist with the search. Their activation and actions were documented on their internal reports. See SEB reports **[EXHIBIT H].**

As the Special Weapons Team deputies approached the laundry room of the [redacted] apartment complex, a 14 year old male, identified as [redacted] exited and said he was the person they were looking for in the laundry room.

Witness [redacted] identified himself as the [redacted] of Suspect Lara. He was detained. The search of the area continued for the outstanding third suspect. A search of Suspect Lara's apartment [redacted] was conducted, however no evidence of a third suspect was ever found.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Eduardo Bermudez and Ricardo Avelar Lara by Deputy Steven Miller, Deputy [redacted] Deputy David Vaca, and Deputy Richard Mendoza. In their letter of opinion **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 203-207]**, dated April 16, 2015, Deputy District Attorney Renee Chang concluded Deputies Miller, [redacted] Vaca, and Mendoza acted lawfully in self-defense. With regard to the death of Suspect Avelar, Deputy District Attorney Chang cited "People vs. Levitt (1984) 156 Cal. App.3d 500.

IAB Note: People vs. Levitt (1984) "A defendant is guilty of no crime if his legitimate act in self-defense results in the inadvertent death of an innocent bystander." **[EXHIBIT A, Page 206].**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted], Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
[redacted]

Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol/[redacted]	
Date Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior Shooting Incident(s): 1	April 25, 2014
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	[redacted]

On November 16, 2014, Deputy [redacted] was wearing a Class "A" uniform including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, three fully loaded magazines, handheld radio, and keys. He did not have a Taser assigned to him. It is unknown if Deputy [redacted] was in possession of his Department issued PR-24 Baton.

Steven Miller, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment:	June 28, 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol/East Los Angeles:	May 27, 2012
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]



Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Miller was wearing a Class "A" uniform including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two double magazine pouches, handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, five fully loaded magazines, handheld radio, and keys. He did not have a Taser assigned to him. Deputy Miller was not in possession of his Department issued PR-24 Baton.

Richard Mendoza, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment: July 10, 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol/East Los Angeles: August 12, 2012
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

On November 16 2014, Deputy Mendoza was wearing a Class "A" uniform including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, three fully loaded magazines, handheld radio and keys. He did not have a Taser assigned to him. His Department issued PR-24 Baton was located in the patrol vehicle.

David Vaca, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment: June 6, 2007
Date Assigned to Patrol/East Los Angeles: November 10, 2013
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Vaca was wearing a Class "A" uniform including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two sets of handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, three fully loaded magazines, handheld radio, keys, back-up firearm (.38 caliber). He did not have a Taser assigned to him. His Department issued PR-24 Baton was located in the patrol vehicle.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Suspect #1 - Eduardo Bermudez

Male, Hispanic, DOB: April 19, 1988, 5'10", 200 pounds
[redacted]

CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

> **IAB Note:** A copy of Suspect Bermudez's criminal history is included in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 94-101]**.

Suspect Bermudez sustained thirteen gunshot wounds to his neck, torso and extremities. He suffered a grazing gunshot wound to posterior of his left hand. He had a laceration and blunt trauma to the right occipital part of his head. See Coroner's report **[EXHIBIT A, pages 132-170]** and crime scene photographs **[EXHIBIT I].**

Suspect #2 - Ricardo Avelar Lara

Male, Hispanic, DOB: June 1, 1957, 5'05", 180 pounds
[redacted]

> **IAB Note:** A copy of Suspect Lara's criminal history is included in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 104-106]**.

Suspect Lara sustained a single gunshot wound to the anterior left side of his neck.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide Detectives Sylvia Brossoit and Helen Ewell. They were assisted by Forensic Identification Specialist David Ozeta, Deputy Steven Thomas, Deputy Ray Davidson and Deputy John Vanderschaaf from the Sheriff's Crime Lab. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 77-83]**. For photographs of evidence see **[EXHIBIT I].**

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Internal Affairs Sergeant Daniel Peacock and Sergeant James Jordan responded to the scene on January 15, 2016, at approximately 1315 hours. Sergeant Jordan

walked the residential area on January 15, 2016, to become familiar with the area where the incident occurred, as well as the involved units' tactical locations.

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Detectives Teri Bernstein and Angus Ferguson **[EXHIBIT A, page 80-83]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB Investigators' observations. The scene was also photographed and sketched by the aforementioned Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel. Included in the IAB Case Book are compact discs containing aerial photographs of the scene, photographs of involved deputy personnel, coroner's photographs, and scene investigation photos **[EXHIBIT I].** The crime scene sketches are included in the Homicide Case Book as **[EXHIBIT A Pages 116-117].** Eighteen expended 9mm casings were recovered at the scene **[EXHIBIT A, page 128]**. One pistol magazine containing live rounds and four "fired bullets" were recovered at the scene **[EXHIBIT A, page 128].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] fired four rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Beretta 92FS semiautomatic pistol (#BER[redacted]. The firearm was examined by Deputy John Vanderschaaf of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found it to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, page 118-120].**

Date last qualified: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY MILLER

Deputy Miller fired five rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Beretta 92FS semiautomatic pistol (#H[redacted]Z). The firearm was examined by Deputy John Vanderschaaf of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found it to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, page 118-120]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY MENDOZA

Deputy Mendoza fired seven rounds of Department issued 9 mm ammunition from his Department issued Beretta 92FS semiautomatic pistol (#H[redacted]Z). The firearm was examined by Deputy John Vanderschaaf of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found it to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, page 118-120]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY VACA

Deputy Vaca fired two rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Beretta 92FS (#BER[redacted], semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Deputy John Vanderschaaf of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found it to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, page 118-120]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]

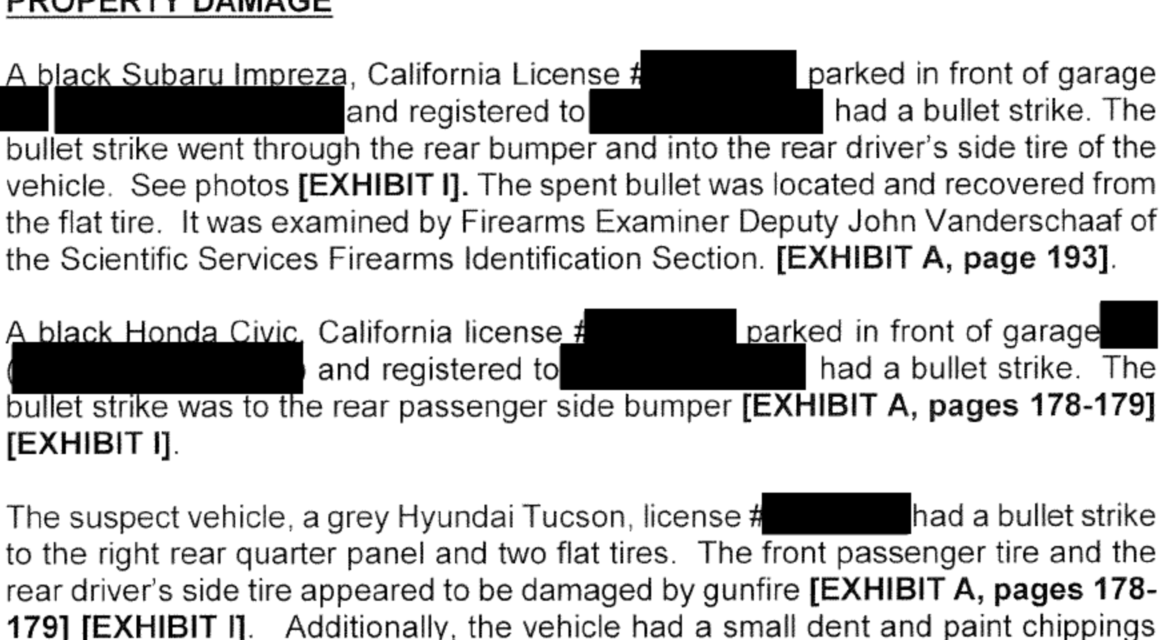
> **IAB Note:** Deputies were required to qualify every trimester. The range qualification dates for the involved personnel are included in **[EXHIBIT J]**.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT BREMUDEZ

Suspect Bermudez was in possession of a replica .45 Caliber pistol, 1911 model, blue steel with wood grips, Tangogio .177 Caliber bb gun, serial #[redacted] **[EXHIBIT A page 197-198]**.

> **IAB Note:** Suspect Bermudez' replica pistol had a bullet strike which went through the grips.

PROPERTY DAMAGE



A black Subaru Impreza, California License #[redacted] parked in front of garage [redacted] and registered to [redacted] had a bullet strike. The bullet strike went through the rear bumper and into the rear driver's side tire of the vehicle. See photos **[EXHIBIT I].** The spent bullet was located and recovered from the flat tire. It was examined by Firearms Examiner Deputy John Vanderschaaf of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section. **[EXHIBIT A, page 193]**.

A black Honda Civic, California license #[redacted] parked in front of garage [redacted] and registered to [redacted] had a bullet strike. The bullet strike was to the rear passenger side bumper **[EXHIBIT A, pages 178-179] [EXHIBIT I]**.

The suspect vehicle, a grey Hyundai Tucson, license #[redacted] had a bullet strike to the right rear quarter panel and two flat tires. The front passenger tire and the rear driver's side tire appeared to be damaged by gunfire **[EXHIBIT A, pages 178-179] [EXHIBIT I]**. Additionally, the vehicle had a small dent and paint chippings on the passenger side rear bumper. A bullet fragment was found in close proximity to the damage.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during the hours of darkness. There are city street lamps located on the northeast corner and the southeast corner at the intersection of Hillview Avenue and Verona Street. At the time of the incident the driveway area was illuminated by patrol vehicle headlights, a patrol vehicle spot light, and individual gun mounted flashlights.

The weather conditions at the time of the incident were cool and partially cloudy.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed the Sheriff Communications Center (certified copy) of the radio traffic associated with the incident **[EXHIBIT K]**. Following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

Station and vehicle-to-vehicle (L-Tac) communications:

0225 hours – Unit 24 (handling unit of the original 245 PC call) requested assisting units to check the vicinity westbound and southbound from intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard. Unit [redacted] acknowledged they would search southbound and Unit 25 acknowledged they would search westbound of the incident.

0225 hours – Unit 21 advised he was with Victim [redacted] at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Hubbard Street.

0226 hours – A deputy advised the suspect vehicle was registered to [redacted]

0226 hours – Unit 25 advised they arrived on Verona Street.

0226 hours – Unit 25 advised they were at the target location.

0228 hours – Unit 25 advised they were in the area of registered owner address. Unit [redacted] advised they were parked on Amalia Street just north of Verona Street.

0228 hours – Unit 24 advised the crime occurred at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard. Unit 24 requested assisting units check the vicinity for potential witnesses. Unit 22 advised they were already present at Atlantic Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard and would check for witnesses.

The open duplex "Patch" (Dispatch) communications:

0225 hours – Sheriff's Communication Center voiced a 245 J/O (Assault with a Deadly Weapon Just Occurred) call (T-51). East Los Angeles Station Unit 24 was

given the handle and Unit 25 the assist. The suspect vehicle was described as a grey Hyundai SUV, license plate #[redacted] The suspect vehicle was last seen westbound Whittier Boulevard.

0229 hours – East Los Angeles Station Unit 24 (Deputy D.Sanchez) requested the "patch" for a 245 J/O crime broadcast. Unit 24 advised the suspect vehicle was a grey Honda SUV, license #[redacted] with three male Hispanic occupants. One of the suspects, who was wearing a hat with the word "NAVY" in gold letters, pointed a handgun at the victim. The vehicle was last seen westbound Whittier Boulevard.

0237 hours – East Los Angeles Station Unit [redacted] requested the "patch" after locating the suspect vehicle traveling eastbound on Verona Street from Atlantic Boulevard.

0238 hours – East Los Angeles Station [redacted] advised he was responding Code 3.

0239 hours – East Los Angeles Station Unit 23A advised they arrived at the location.

0239 hours – Unit [redacted] advised they had been involved in a shooting.

0239 hours – [redacted] advised he arrived at the location of the shooting.

0240 hours – Deputies requested the fire department to respond regarding two wounded suspects.

0241 hours – Sheriff's Communication Center advised the fire department had been notified.

0241 hours – An unknown deputy transmitted radio traffic indicating a possible third suspect was being detained.

0242 hours – Air 21 advised they were responding.

0244 hours – Unit 23A deployed an AR-15. There is radio traffic heard identifying Aero Bureau was present and overhead assisting with the search for a third suspect. Aero identified there was a second person laying on the sidewalk, south of the suspect vehicle and they did not see any other suspects.

0248 hours – East Los Angeles desk personnel advised they received a call indicating a suspicious person, possible prowler, was seen at [redacted] Verona Street.

0249 hours – Deputy personnel confirmed a gun was at the scene and deputies were continuing to gather information regarding the possible prowler.

0250 hours – [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] advised he requested an armored vehicle and ESD personnel through the Special Enforcement Bureau and that they were on their way.

0250 hours – East Los Angeles desk personnel indicate that the possible prowler might be in the apartment complex's laundry room, located on the south side.

0253 hours – Additional personnel were requested regarding crowd control.

0255 hours – Air 21 updated the containment positioning of on-scene vehicles.

0256 hours – Deputies indicated two (2) females were detained at the scene and were being transported to the command post.

0258 hours – An open door was identified at an upstairs apartment within the target location.

0300 hours – Sergeant [redacted] requested additional personnel from the Special Enforcement Bureau to search for the third suspect.

0303 hours – Sergeant [redacted] advised the armored vehicle was on its way to rescue the wounded suspects. He also advised ESD would assist with searching for the possible third outstanding suspect.

0306 hours – Sergeant [redacted] was asked to call Sergeant [redacted] ([redacted] at the command post.

0308 hours – Information was relayed to personnel that the upstairs apartment with an open door was the registered address of the suspect's vehicle.

0321 hours – Sergeant [redacted] requested two patrol units meet with the fire department at the location where they were staged. Sergeant [redacted] indicated a necessity for two ambulances.

0322 hours – Sergeant [redacted] advised there was a rescue plan for the armored vehicle and ESD deputies to retrieve the wounded suspects.

0325 hours – Sergeant [redacted] requested deputies to escort paramedics to Hillview Avenue however, Aero Bureau advised there were no deputies present with paramedics.

0333 hours – East Los Angeles Units 26 and 27 advised they were present with fire and escorted them to Hillview Avenue.

0337 hours – Sheriff's Communication Center advised a tactical frequency was reserved for the incident.

0337 hours – Unit 21 advised deputies were still in the process of rescuing the wounded suspects.

0337 hours – Sergeant [redacted] advised the rescue of the wounded suspects was complete and indicated it was okay to switch to the reserved tactical frequency.

Tactical Frequency (A-Tac) Communications:

0338 hours – Sergeant [redacted] requested the last known location of the prowler and requested a roll call of all units on the incident.

0342 hours – Sergeant [redacted] asked the command post for the phone number to Suspect Lara's 14 year old [redacted]

0345 hours – East Los Angeles patrol unit advised the fire department was not intending to transport the suspects.

0357 hours – Deputy Valdez requested name of the 14 year old, who was supposedly inside of the target apartment.

0400 hours – The command post confirmed the 14 year old's name as [redacted] and advised he was English speaking.

0402 hours – Sergeant [redacted] requested to meet with Lieutenant Westall at Hillview Ave / Grace Place.

0404 hours – 246K9 advised the SEB desk he was on-scene.

0405 hours – Per the watch commander, Sergeant [redacted] was asked to respond to Hillview Avenue / Grace Place as soon as possible.

0407 hours – An unknown deputy advised the target location consisted of multiple residences with different addresses.

0409 hours – Sergeant [redacted] advised he was on Grace Place.

0416 hours – The command post initiated a roll call of all on-scene units.

0441 hours – A deputy advised a male juvenile exited the laundry room or laundry room area.

0445 hours – ESD advised the juvenile was identified as [redacted] and is in custody, and is the possible third suspect / prowler.

0447 hours – Deputy Valdez advised the command post that the 14 year old boy was identified as [redacted]

0449 hours – The command post requested confirmation the prowler from the laundry room was [redacted]

0512 hours – Special Enforcement Bureau lieutenant acknowledged on the radio.

0515 hours – A deputy advised an elderly female walked into the scene and was escorted to the perimeter.

0515 hours – SEB advised they were outside the target building.

0521 hours – Sergeant Estrada advised he was driving to the command post with the consent to search form.

0521 hours – SEB lieutenant asked the Special Weapons Team to continue with their search of the target apartment because he was in possession of a signed consent form.

VIDEO RECORDING

There is no known video recording of the shooting.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed any reports authored by the involved deputies.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On November 16, 2014, **Deputy** [redacted], #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Teri Bernstein and Angus Ferguson. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 50-52]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46844**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Deputy [redacted] was assigned to work unit [redacted] PM overlap shift, on November 16, 2014. Deputy [redacted] was the driver of the vehicle and his radio car partner for the shift was Steven Miller who was the "bookman."

IAB Note: "Bookman" is a slang term used to identify the passenger.

Deputy [redacted] described the beginning of the shift as busy with party calls. While having a cup of coffee, a voiced emergent "245/417" call was dispatched. The call stated the front passenger, in a grey Hyundai SUV, pointed a gun at the victim. There were three suspects in the vehicle and it was last seen westbound Whittier Boulevard. Minutes later, the handling unit broadcasted the crime and vehicle details, which included the license plate. Deputies [redacted] and Miller used Department resources and discovered the suspect vehicle was registered to an address within blocks of the crime.

IAB Note: 245 PC is the California Penal Code section defining the felonious crime of assault with a deadly weapon. 417 PC is the California Penal Code section defining the crime of exhibiting a deadly weapon (including a firearm), in the presence of another, in a rude or threatening manner.

Based on the call information, Deputies [redacted] and Miller checked the vicinity of the registered address for the vehicle. Within 10-15 minutes, a grey SUV vehicle drove eastbound Verona Street from Atlantic Avenue. Deputy [redacted] pulled in behind the car, as he approached South Hillview Avenue, to confirm the license plate. The license plate matched the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle turned in a non-evasive manner southbound Hillview Avenue and immediately stopped along the west curb line. The vehicle yielded, even though Deputy [redacted] did not activate his vehicle's light or siren. The front passenger, who was identified as Suspect Bermudez, exited and walked toward Deputies [redacted] and Miller. Deputies [redacted] stopped his vehicle near the [redacted] corner of Verona Street and Hillview Avenue. Deputy [redacted] stood near the driver's side door using the vehicle as cover. Deputies [redacted] and Miller had their weapons drawn and pointed at Suspect Bermudez. Suspect Bermudez yelled at Deputies [redacted] and Miller repeatedly in an angry tone, "Who am I! Who am I!"

While Deputies [redacted] and Miller detained Suspect Bermudez at gunpoint, Unit 25 pulled alongside them, but then followed the suspect vehicle as it pulled forward into the driveway on the west side of Hillview Avenue, just [redacted] of Verona Street. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca exited their vehicle and ran toward Deputies [redacted] and Miller's vehicle for cover.

The driver of the suspect vehicle was identified as Suspect Lara. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Lara stand between his vehicle (Hyundai License number [redacted] and Deputy Mendoza's patrol car (SD7164). Deputy [redacted] gave Suspect Lara orders in Spanish to leave the area because he was in the line of fire. Suspect Lara stared at the deputies and failed to move.

Deputy [redacted] directed his focus on Suspect Bermudez and the gun he possessed. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Bermudez partially withdraw a gun from his jacket with his right hand. Suspect Bermudez then completely drew the gun

from his jacket and pointed in the direction of deputies. Deputy [redacted] said he feared he would be shot in the face because of the close distance between them. Deputy [redacted] fired two or three rounds at Suspect Bermudez, who fell to the ground immediately.

Deputies maintained their guns on Suspect Bermudez. Deputy Miller requested assistance and paramedics on the "patch." Deputy [redacted] did not know where Suspect Lara had gone and did not know the whereabouts of the third suspect identified in the call.

Deputy [redacted] estimated the time between when the suspect vehicle stopped at the west curb on Hillview and when the deputies shot, to be approximately 30 seconds.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On August 5, 2015, **Deputy [redacted]** was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Sonja Bracken and Eric Eitner. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed under **Job #47196.** Following is a summary of the interview.

On November 16, 2014, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to East Los Angeles Station and was working unit [redacted] on PM overlap shift with his partner, Deputy Steven Miller. Deputy Miller was the passenger and Deputy [redacted] was the driver. Deputy [redacted] had an X-26 Taser on the left side of his gun belt.

Toward the end of their shift, Deputy [redacted] heard Sheriff's dispatch voice an assault with a deadly weapon (handgun) call for service. Within minutes, the handling unit (24 EM's) put out a broadcast, which included a vehicle and suspect description. The broadcast included the suspect vehicle's license plate. The suspect was described as having a gun and wearing a hat with the word "Navy."

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Miller used Department resources and discovered the vehicle was registered locally. They parked their radio car near the registered owner's residence. They waited on Amalia Avenue, north of Verona Street, for approximately 15 minutes. Deputy [redacted] saw a grey sport utility vehicle driving eastbound on Verona Street, which matched the description of the suspect vehicle. Deputy [redacted] drove behind the car and confirmed the license plate matched the suspect vehicle. The vehicle briefly drove eastbound Verona Street then turned southbound onto Hillview Avenue. Deputy Miller advised units on the "patch" they were behind the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle stopped at the west curb as soon as it turned southbound Hillview Avenue. Deputy [redacted] never activated his rotators or siren.

The front passenger, who was identified as Suspect Bermudez, exited the vehicle and stood in the driveway along the west side of Hillview Avenue. Deputy Miller began to give him orders as Deputy [redacted] exited his car and remained near the

driver's side door with his gun pointed at Suspect Bermudez. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca drove past Deputy [redacted] got behind the suspect vehicle, which pulled forward into the driveway on the west side of Hillview Avenue.

Suspect Bermudez appeared to have an angry face and yelled at Deputies [redacted] and Miller, "What's my name!" Deputies Mendoza and Vaca ran northbound from their vehicle, which was parked directly behind the suspect vehicle, on Hillview Avenue and took cover near Deputy [redacted] Suspect Bermudez was clearly visible as he stood within the bright lights of Deputy [redacted] vehicle.

The driver of the suspect vehicle, who was identified as Suspect Lara, exited the vehicle and stood in the line of fire. He was warned several times in English and Spanish to move, but he did not comply. Suspect Bermudez partially exposed a semi-automatic looking handgun with his right hand by reaching into the left side of his jacket. Suspect Bermudez who was standing 15-20 feet from the deputies, slowly pulled the gun from his jacket, as he looked at Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] determined it was a life threatening situation. Fearing he would be shot, Deputy [redacted] fired 2-3 rounds from his duty weapon, striking Suspect Bermudez, who then fell to the ground. Deputy [redacted] felt the immediate threat was over when Suspect Bermudez fell to the ground. Deputy [redacted] ceased fire.

Deputy [redacted] said Suspect Bermudez did not fire his weapon at deputies. Deputy [redacted] heard other deputies fire their weapons as well. Deputy [redacted] described the backdrop as being several cars and a wall. There was a third outstanding suspect identified in the original assault with a deadly weapon call, however Deputy [redacted] did not see anyone run from the suspect vehicle or the scene. Within minutes of the shooting incident, a prowler call was dispatched over the radio indicating someone was running into the adjacent apartment complex.

Deputy [redacted] was removed from the scene by Sergeant [redacted] prior to the rendering of aid to the suspects. He was transported to East Los Angeles Station by Sergeant [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and Deputies Miller, Mendoza and Vaca, made every effort to have a different outcome.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY STEVEN MILLER

Homicide Interview

On November 16, 2014, **Deputy Steven Miller, #[redacted]** was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Teri Bernstein and Angus Ferguson. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 48-50]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46881**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Deputy Miller was assigned to work unit [redacted] PM overlap shift, on November 16, 2014. Deputy Miller was the "bookman" in the vehicle and his radio car partner for the shift was [redacted] who was the driver. Deputy Miller stated the shift was busy with party calls and domestic violence calls.

Late into the PM overlap shift, an assault with a deadly weapon (firearm) call was voiced over Sheriff's dispatch. The call described the suspect's vehicle as a grey Hyundai and the indicated license plate. Deputy Miller ran the license plate using Department resources and found the vehicle was registered to an address nearby.

Deputy Miller and Deputy [redacted] parked west of the registered owner's address and waited. Unit 25 early morning shift Deputies Mendoza and Vaca parked east of the registered owner's residence and waited. The registered owner's address was on the [redacted] block of Verona Street.

Approximately five minutes later, a car appeared, traveling eastbound, on Verona Street. The vehicle matched the suspect vehicle's description in the call. Deputy [redacted] drove behind the car and confirmed the license plate. Deputy Miller briefly communicated with Deputies Mendoza and Vaca on "L-Tac" that they found the suspect vehicle. After a short distance, the suspect vehicle stopped. Simultaneously, Deputy Miller initiated radio traffic on the "patch." Deputy Miller advised they were detaining the 245 PC / 417 PC vehicle at gunpoint. The front passenger, who was identified as Suspect Bermudez, exited the vehicle. Suspect Bermudez was wearing a hat with the word "Navy" on it, which matched the suspect description in the call.

IAB Note: Local Tactical channels or "L-Tac" channels are utilized primarily for direct communication between a station's field units.

Deputies Miller and [redacted] exited their vehicle and affixed their firearms on Suspect Bermudez. Deputy Miller sought cover at the rear of the patrol car near the passenger side taillight. Deputy [redacted] stood near the driver's door.

Deputies gave several orders to Suspect Bermudez, in English and in Spanish, to get back in the vehicle. The suspect vehicle then drove forward slowly and turned into a driveway and parked. The driver, who was identified as Suspect Lara, exited the car and stood with his hands in his pockets, and remained near the driver's side of the rear bumper.

Suspect Bermudez was given several commands to show his hands and to turn around. Suspect Bermudez appeared to be intoxicated and had bloodshot, watery eyes. He did not comply with any of the deputies orders. Rather, he remained and blankly stared at them.

Suspect Bermudez reached with his left hand into his jacket, as if drawing a firearm from a shoulder holster. Suspect Bermudez partially withdrew, and then reinserted, the handgun from his jacket several times. While he manipulated the gun in his jacket, he said, "Just shoot me." Deputy Miller saw Suspect Bermudez slowly draw a gun completely from his jacket. Deputy Miller said Suspect Bermudez was well lit with vehicle lights and gun mounted lights, and it was "blatantly obvious" he was drawing a gun. Deputy Miller thought Suspect Bermudez wanted to commit suicide by cop. Once Suspect Bermudez pulled the gun completely out of his jacket, Deputy Miller fired 3-4 rounds at Suspect Bermudez. Suspect Bermudez fell to the ground.

Immediately following the shooting incident, Deputy Miller relayed radio traffic, indicating deputies had been involved in a shooting. Assisting units arrived immediately following the incident because of the previous radio traffic regarding the suspect vehicle. Paramedics were immediately requested. The search for a possible third outstanding suspect, described in the original call, delayed medical treatment. Deputy Miller did not see a third suspect exit or run from the suspect vehicle.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On September 29, 2015, **Deputy Steven Miller** was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Sonja Bracken and Eric Eitner. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46923**. Following is a brief summary of those interviews:

Deputy Miller was assigned to work unit [redacted] PM overlap shift, on November 16, 2014. Deputy Miller was the "bookman" of the vehicle and his radio car partner for the shift was Deputy [redacted] who, was the driver.

Deputy Miller described his less lethal options for that shift as pepper spray on his belt. His baton was broken and he had not replaced it. Deputy [redacted] had a Taser. They did not have a Stun Bag.

Deputies Miller and [redacted] assisted Unit 24 with an assault with a deadly weapon call. They checked the vicinity for the suspect vehicle. Deputies Miller and [redacted] parked on Amalia Street, north of Verona Street. Unit 25, Deputies Mendoza and Vaca, parked east of the location waiting for the suspect vehicle to return. Within 5 to 10 minutes, a grey Hyundai, matching the description of the suspect vehicle, drove eastbound Verona Street from Atlantic Boulevard. Deputies Miller and [redacted] followed the vehicle and confirmed the license plate as belonging to the suspect vehicle. Deputy Miller communicated with Unit 25 over L-Tac that they found the suspect vehicle. Deputy Miller requested the "patch" and relayed limited information because the suspect vehicle turned southbound Hillview Avenue and immediately pulled to the curb. The suspect vehicle pulled to the curb and stopped even though Deputy [redacted] had not initiated a traffic stop with lights or siren. Unit 25, Deputies Mendoza and Vaca, pulled alongside

Deputies [redacted] and Miller. They approached from the east and briefly stopped on the driver's side of Deputies [redacted] and Miller in a felony traffic stop formation.

The front passenger, who was identified as Suspect Bermudez, exited the suspect vehicle when it stopped at the curb on Hillview Avenue south of Verona Street. Suspect Bermudez was wearing a hat with the word "Navy" on it. Deputies [redacted] and Miller exited their patrol vehicle and attempted to detain Suspect Bermudez at gun point. They gave commands to Suspect Bermudez, in English and Spanish, to get back in the vehicle, however the vehicle slowly drove southbound approximately 40 feet and turned into a short driveway and parked. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca followed the suspect vehicle and stopped several feet behind it. As Deputy Mendoza exited the patrol car, the vehicle continued forward as if the transmission was not completely in park. As Deputy Mendoza re-entered the vehicle and stopped it within a few feet of the suspect vehicle, Deputy Vaca ran northbound along the east side of the street and took cover on the driver's side of Deputies [redacted] and Miller's patrol vehicle. Deputy Mendoza ran the same route and joined Deputy Vaca on the driver's side of the vehicle.

Deputy Miller saw the driver of the suspect vehicle, who was identified as Suspect Lara, walk to the rear of the Hyundai SUV and stand near the rear bumper. Deputies Miller and [redacted] realized Suspect Lara was in the line of fire and gave him several verbal warnings, in English and Spanish, to move. Deputy Miller also motioned with his left arm to Suspect Lara to move out of the way. Suspect Lara did not heed any of their warnings and remained.

Deputy Miller focused his attention on Suspect Bermudez, who was non-compliant and appeared intoxicated. Suspect Bermudez, who was well lit by the patrol vehicle lights and gun mounted flashlights, reached into the left side of his jacket with his right hand. Suspect Bermudez, who was standing 10-15 feet away and facing the deputies, pulled a handgun from inside his jacket. Deputy Miller perceived the situation as life threatening and fired his Department issued Beretta 3-4 times. Both Suspect Bermudez and Suspect Lara fell to the ground. Deputy Miller described the incident as being "scary as shit."

Within seconds, assisting units arrived, including Sergeant [redacted] [redacted] Assisting Deputies contained the area for the possible outstanding third suspect. Deputy Miller provided Sergeant [redacted] with an Officer Safety Statement, which included information about the possible third suspect. Deputy Miller was removed from the scene once relieved by assisting units and transported to the East Los Angeles Station by Sergeant [redacted] who advised the involved deputies to not talk about the incident. Deputy Miller was not included in the search for the third suspect, or the rescue efforts of the two downed suspects.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY RICHARD MENDOZA

Homicide Interview

On November 16, 2014, **Deputy Richard Mendoza, #[redacted]** was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Teri Bernstein and Angus Ferguson. This interview is summarized in the Homicide Investigation Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 52-54]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46845**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Deputy Mendoza was assigned to work Unit 25, early morning shift, on November 16, 2014. Deputy Mendoza was the driver of the vehicle and his radio car partner for the shift was Deputy David Vaca who was the passenger. Deputy Mendoza and Deputy Vaca had not worked as radio car partners before.

Deputy Mendoza and Deputy Vaca were driving toward the station when the assault with a deadly weapon (firearm) call was voiced by Sheriff's Communication Center.

The handling unit broadcasted the suspect vehicle description, which included the suspect vehicle license plate. The suspect was described as the front passenger, who was wearing a hat with the word "Navy" on it. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca utilized Department resources and discovered the vehicle was registered locally on Verona Street. They checked the vicinity initially with negative results. They parked in the north/south alley, west of Goodrich Boulevard and south of Verona Street.

Deputy Mendoza saw a vehicle, matching the description, traveling eastbound Verona Street. He drove westbound Verona Street toward the vehicle and saw Unit [redacted] behind it. He heard "patch" radio traffic that Unit [redacted] was "Code 9" behind the suspect vehicle.

> **IAB Note:** "Code 9" is a Sheriff's Department radio code, which represents, a tactical pre-stop coordination of a suspect vehicle.

Deputies Mendoza and Vaca were with Deputies [redacted] and Miller within seconds of the suspect vehicle stopping on Hillview Avenue. Deputy Mendoza described the suspect vehicle as "not coming to a complete stop" because the front passenger, who was identified as Suspect Bermudez, exited and fell. Once Suspect Bermudez exited the car, the vehicle slowly continued southbound on Hillview Avenue, approximately [redacted] feet before turning into a driveway. As the suspect vehicle parked, Deputy Mendoza and Deputy Vaca, who were behind it, exited. Deputy Menoza had difficulty placing his patrol car in park. As a result, his radio car slowly rolled forward, within a few feet of the suspect vehicle. Deputy Mendoza re-entered his patrol vehicle and put it into park.

Deputy Mendoza heard deputies yelling at Suspect Bermudez to drop the gun. Realizing he was in the line of fire. Deputy Mendoza ran northbound Hillview Avenue, along the east curb line, toward Deputies [redacted] and Miller's radio car. Deputy Vaca sought cover on the driver's side with Deputy [redacted]

Deputy Mendoza briefly assessed the situation. It appeared Suspect Bermudez was intoxicated because he mumbled incoherently. Deputy Mendoza noticed Suspect Bermudez was wearing a hat with the word "Navy" on it. He saw Suspect Bermudez reach into his jacket with his right hand. He saw that Suspect Bermudez had a handgun with a brown grip. He also saw the driver of the suspect vehicle, who was identified as Suspect Lara, was standing in the line of fire near the rear of the suspect vehicle. Suspect Lara was given several commands, in English and in Spanish, to leave the area.

Deputy Mendoza described the area where Suspect Bermudez stood as being well-lit from patrol vehicle spotlights. Because Suspect Bermudez matched the suspect description in the call, and he saw him actually gripping a gun, Deputy Mendoza directed all of his focus on him. Suspect Bermudez pulled the firearm completely out of his jacket, causing Deputy Mendoza to fire 3-4 rounds from his Department issued Beretta 92 FS. Suspect Bermudez fell to the ground. His gun landed on the ground next to him.

Deputy Mendoza scanned the area and did not see Suspect Lara or the possible third suspect identified in the call. He continued to hold Suspect Bermudez at gunpoint, pending the arrival of assisting units.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On September 16, 2015, **Deputy Richard Mendoza** was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Sonja Bracken and David Moore. The interview was transcribed under **Job #47606**. On March 14, 2016, IAB Sergeants Kimberly Mendoza and James Jordan conducted a follow-up interview. The interview was transcribed under **Job #49422**. Following is a brief summary of those interviews:

Deputy Mendoza stated he worked early morning shift Unit 25 with Deputy Vaca. It was Deputy Mendoza's regular shift.

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators became aware that Deputy Mendoza was carrying three (3) 18 round magazines the night of the shooting. Deputy Mendoza confirmed he did, in fact, have three (3) 18 round capacity magazines the night of the incident. He said the Italian manufactured magazines are made to Beretta specifications and are flush with the grips of the gun, not extending below them. Deputy Mendoza stated he only loaded fifteen (15) rounds per magazine to avoid spring compression problems, such as a double feed. When asked if Deputy Mendoza could have had the magazine loaded to full capacity, he denied that was possible. Deputy Mendoza maintained that he only had 15 rounds in his magazine

at the time of the shooting. He stated he checked his weapon at his locker and verified the round count prior to going out in the field the night of the shooting.

IAB Note: Deputy Mendoza told Homicide Investigators, as well as Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators, that he fired 3-4 rounds the night of the shooting. However, evidence suggests Deputy Mendoza fired 7 rounds **[EXHIBIT A, page 54]**.

Deputy Mendoza carried Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray on his gun belt as a less lethal option. He had a Shotgun, AR-15 and Baton readily available in the vehicle. He did not have a Stun Bag or Taser.

Deputy Mendoza recalled the handling unit's broadcast of the suspect and suspect vehicle. The suspect was in his 20's and was wearing a hat with the word "Navy" on it. The vehicle was described as a silver SUV. The suspect vehicle was updated with a license plate. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca used Department resources and discovered the vehicle was registered to an address that was close to the location of the original reported crime. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca drove around the registered owner's neighborhood searching for the suspect vehicle, but did locate it. They parked in an alley, located east of Hillview Avenue. They communicated their location with Unit [redacted] over "direct."

IAB Note: "Direct" mode allows the radio user to communicate over short distances amongst station units and is not recorded.

After approximately five minutes of waiting for the suspect vehicle to appear, Deputies Mendoza and Vaca pulled out of the alley and drove westbound Verona Street. They saw a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle driving eastbound on Verona Street. They immediately saw Unit [redacted] following it. The suspect vehicle turned southbound Hillview Avenue and stopped along the west curb line.

Anticipating a felony stop, Deputy Mendoza pulled his vehicle at an angle next to Unit [redacted] The front passenger, who was identified as Suspect Bermudez, exited the car. The vehicle then continued forward. Deputy Mendoza communicated with Deputies [redacted] and Miller that he would "take" the vehicle, which initially appeared to be attempting to flee. The suspect vehicle immediately turned into a driveway and parked. Deputy Mendoza stopped behind the suspect vehicle and immediately exited, along with Deputy Vaca. As Deputy Mendoza exited his patrol vehicle, he realized it was rolling forward. He re-entered the vehicle and had to "slam" it into park. [redacted]

IAB Note: [redacted]


[redacted]

Deputy Mendoza did not recall seeing the driver exit the suspect vehicle, or a third suspect inside the car.

Deputy Mendoza exited the car and realized he was in the line of fire beyond where Deputies [redacted] and Miller were detaining Suspect Bermudez. Deputy Mendoza ran northeast, in a semi-circle pattern, on Hillview Avenue toward Deputy [redacted] and Miller's vehicle, where he re-joined his partner, Deputy Vaca. They stood on the driver's side of the vehicle with Deputy [redacted] as they pointed their weapons at Suspect Bermudez. Suspect Bermudez was told several times to show the deputies his hands. Simultaneously, the driver of the suspect vehicle exited and stood near the rear bumper area of the suspect vehicle. He was identified as Suspect Lara. Suspect Lara was in the line of fire and given several commands to move, but he did not comply.

Suspect Bermudez yelled and mumbled. Deputy Mendoza, said Suspect Bermudez quickly pulled a handgun from his jacket. Deputy Mendoza said he immediately recognized the object as a handgun, because of the close proximity, the lights from the patrol vehicle spotlights, and his gun mounted light. Deputy Mendoza perceived a life threatening situation and fired four rounds, in succession, from his Department issued Beretta 92FS.

Deputy Mendoza believed his rounds struck center mass of Suspect Bermudez who fell to the ground. Immediately following the shooting, Deputy Mendoza did not know where Suspect Lara went and did not know where the potential third suspect, identified in the original call, was.

Deputy Mendoza held Suspect Bermudez at gun point until he was relieved. The initial containment of the area for an outstanding third suspect was handled by assisting units and field sergeant, Sergeant [redacted] Deputy Mendoza advised Sergeant [redacted] of this actions and pertinent information regarding the incident. Shortly after, Deputy Mendoza along with Deputies [redacted] Miller and Vaca, were transported to the East Los Angeles Station by Sergeant [redacted]

Deputy Mendoza estimated the time of duration between the original call for service and the actual shooting as being 15-20 minutes. Deputy Mendoza estimated the duration between the time he exited his vehicle and the time of the shooting as approximately 2 minutes.

Deputy Mendoza was removed from the incident prior to the suspects receiving medical treatment. The Los Angeles County Fire Department would not approach

because the scene was not deemed safe. Deputy Mendoza estimated he was removed from the incident within approximately six minutes after the shooting. He believed he was removed too quickly, because the search for the third suspect, and possible prowler, was on-going.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY DAVID VACA

Homicide Interview

On November 16, 2014, **Deputy David Vaca, [redacted]** was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Teri Bernstein and Angus Ferguson. This interview is summarized in the Homicide Investigation Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 54-56]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46848**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Deputy Vaca was assigned to work Unit 25 early morning shift, on November 16, 2014. Deputy Vaca was the "bookman" of the vehicle and his radio car partner for the shift was Deputy Richard Mendoza, who was the driver. Deputy Vaca and Deputy Mendoza had not previously worked as radio car partners.

Midway through the shift, Deputy Vaca heard a 245 J/O call voiced over dispatch. Within the call was the suspect vehicle description and a suspect description. The vehicle was described as a grey SUV with passengers inside. The primary suspect was described as a male Hispanic wearing a hat with the word "Navy" on it. The handling unit conducted a crime broadcast, describing the suspect vehicle as well the license plate number.

Deputies Mendoza and Vaca drove around the streets near the address of the suspect vehicle's registered owner. Initially, they did not see any vehicles matching the description. They parked in an alley between Goodrich Avenue and Hillview Avenue and waited for the suspect vehicle to return home. After several minutes, Deputy Mendoza drove westbound Verona Street. They saw a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle and Unit [redacted] driving behind it. Deputy Vaca heard emergent duplex "patch" radio traffic by Unit [redacted] notifying assisting units they found the suspect vehicle. Simultaneously, the suspect vehicle turned southbound Hillview Avenue and stopped. The front passenger exited the vehicle. He was identified as Suspect Bermudez. Unit [redacted] detained him and Deputies Mendoza and Vaca followed the vehicle, which slowly continued southbound for a short distance and turned into a short driveway. Deputy Mendoza stopped the radio car behind the suspect vehicle, which placed them in the line of fire for Unit [redacted] Deputy Vaca ran northbound Hillview Avenue toward Unit [redacted] patrol vehicle for cover. While running he saw Suspect Bermudez' hand on the grip of a gun in his jacket. Deputy Vaca positioned himself on the driver's side door of Unit [redacted] patrol car along with Deputy [redacted]

Deputy Vaca recognized Suspect Bermudez as the suspect described in the 245 J/O call because he was wearing a hat with the word "Navy" on it. Suspect Bermudez said, "Tell me who I am." Suspect Bermudez was given several commands to get on the ground" and to show his hands, in English and in Spanish, but he did not comply.

The driver of the suspect vehicle was standing at the rear of his car. The driver of the suspect vehicle was identified as Suspect Lara. He was given several warnings to move because he was in the line of fire. The commands were given in English and Spanish.

Suspect Bermudez was well-lit with patrol car headlights and individual gun mounted flashlights. Deputy Vaca's focus was on Suspect Bermudez, who began to slowly draw the gun from his jacket. When Suspect Bermudez completely pulled the gun out of his jacket, Deputy Vaca fired two rounds from his Department issued Beretta 92FS. Suspect Bermudez fell to the ground and the handgun fell by his side. Deputy Vaca continued to hold Suspect Bermudez at gun point.

Deputy Vaca saw Suspect Bermudez and Suspect Lara exit the suspect vehicle, but did not see a third suspect.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On September 16, 2015, Deputy David Vaca was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Sonja Bracken and Eric Eitner. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46922**. Following is a brief summary of those interviews:

Deputy Vaca stated he worked Early Morning shift Unit 25 with Deputy Mendoza. It was Deputy Vaca's regular shift, but not his regular partner. Deputy Mendoza was the driver and Deputy Vaca was the "bookman."

While patrolling, Deputies Vaca and Mendoza heard an assault with a deadly weapon call. They responded toward the area of the crime. The call initially stated that a grey SUV with three suspects pointed a gun at a victim. The male who pointed the gun had a black jacket, a blue hat with the word "Navy" on it, and camouflage pants. The call was updated to include the suspect vehicle's license plate, which returned to a nearby address. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca were tasked by the handling unit to check the area of the registered owner address for the vehicle. Initially, they did not see any vehicles matching the description. They parked in an alley between Goodrich Avenue and Hillview Avenue south of Verona Street. They communicated their location with Unit [redacted] who was parked west of the location. Minutes later, a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description drove onto Verona Street. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca drove westbound Verona and saw Unit [redacted] behind the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle turned southbound Hillview Avenue and stopped along the west curb line.

Deputy Miller initiated emergent radio traffic advising they located the suspect vehicle. The front passenger exited the car. He was identified as Suspect Bermudez. Deputy Mendoza stopped at an angle next to Unit [redacted] to conduct a felony traffic stop, however, the suspect vehicle slowly drove forward southbound Hillview Avenue. Deputies Mendoza and Vaca yelled to Unit [redacted] Deputies [redacted] and Miller, that they would follow the suspect vehicle so Unit [redacted] could focus on Suspect Bermudez who was on the sidewalk.

The suspect vehicle slowly drove forward and into a driveway and parked. Deputy Mendoza stopped behind the vehicle and exited, along with Deputy Vaca. Deputy Vaca realized he was in the line of fire of Deputies [redacted] and Miller. He ran northbound to [redacted] patrol vehicle. As Deputy Vaca passed the suspect, he saw that he had a handgun. While running he yelled out, "Brown handle, brown handle!" Deputy Mendoza was delayed by putting his vehicle in park. Once the car was in park, he ran the same route and met with Deputy Vaca on the driver's side of Unit [redacted]

Deputy Vaca heard Suspect Bermudez say, "Tell me who I am" or "Do you know who I am?" While Suspect Bermudez spoke, he reached, with his right hand, into the left side of his jacket and manipulated the gun within the jacket.

Suspect Bermudez was given several commands, in English and in Spanish, to show his hands. He did not comply. The driver of the suspect vehicle exited the car and stood near the rear of the suspect vehicle in the line of fire. He was identified as Suspect Lara. He was also given several commands, in English and Spanish, to get out of the way.

Deputy Vaca's focus was on Suspect Bermudez because he could clearly see he was holding a handgun and was partially exposing it from inside his jacket. Suspect Bermudez was 10-15 feet away from the deputies and he was well lit with patrol vehicle lighting as well as gun mounted flashlights. Suspect Bermudez moved toward the deputies and pulled the handgun from his jacket. Deputy Vaca fired two rounds, in succession, from his Department issued Beretta 92FS because he feared Suspect Bermudez would shoot him and or his fellow deputies. Deputy Vaca said he fired his weapon using two hands and aimed for center mass.

Suspect Bermudez fell to the ground and his gun landed next to him.

Fearing there was at least one outstanding suspect, Deputy Vaca maintained cover and kept Suspect Bermudez at gunpoint until he was relieved by assisting units. Minutes later, Deputy Vaca was transported to the East Los Angeles Station by Sergeant [redacted]

Deputy Vaca felt there was no viable safe less lethal option's in the rapidly evolving situation.

SERGEANT [redacted]

On March 21, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted] interviewed Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted] at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #49503**. Following is a summary of that interview:

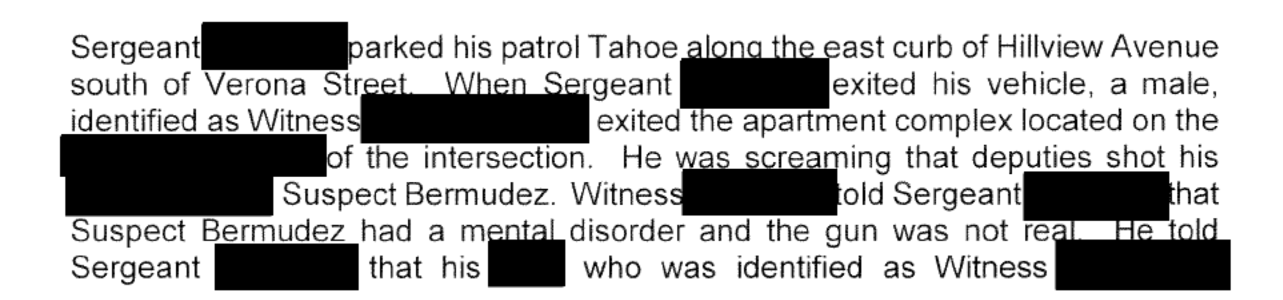
Sergeant [redacted] has been a sergeant for approximately [redacted] His first assignment as a sergeant was East Los Angeles Station. He had been a field supervisor for approximately nine months at the time of the incident.

On November 16, 2014, Sergeant [redacted] was working East Los Angeles Station as [redacted] the early morning shift field sergeant in the north end.

During the early morning hours of the shift, Sergeant [redacted] recalled hearing a call for service of a person who pointed a gun at someone. Based on the call and communicated information, there were three suspects in a grey Hyundai SUV. The license plate was in the call as well. Sergeant [redacted]rove to the area where the potential suspect vehicle may have been. While driving in the area, Sergeant [redacted] heard emergent radio traffic **[EXHIBIT K]** that an East Los Angeles unit located the suspect vehicle and was detaining it on Hillview Avenue, south of Verona Street.

Sergeant [redacted] responded Code 3 to the location. While in transit, he heard additional emergent radio traffic **[EXHIBIT K]** that deputies had been involved in a shooting. He arrived at the scene within approximately twenty seconds of the shooting. Upon arrival, he saw a patrol vehicle parked on Hillview Avenue, south of Verona Street. There were deputies on the driver's side of the patrol car aiming their firearms in a southwesterly direction. There was a suspect, identified as Suspect Bermudez, laying approximately 20 feet in front of the patrol car. There was a handgun laying on the ground next to Suspect Bermudez.

> **IAB Note:** **There was a second patrol vehicle (25 EM's) 20-25 feet south of the patrol vehicle parked on the southwest corner of the intersection. Unit 25 parked directly behind the suspect vehicle, which turned westbound into a driveway and parked only feet from the west curb line.**



Sergeant [redacted] parked his patrol Tahoe along the east curb of Hillview Avenue south of Verona Street. When Sergeant [redacted] exited his vehicle, a male, identified as Witness [redacted] exited the apartment complex located on the [redacted] of the intersection. He was screaming that deputies shot his [redacted] Suspect Bermudez. Witness [redacted]old Sergeant [redacted] that Suspect Bermudez had a mental disorder and the gun was not real. He told Sergeant [redacted] that his [redacted] who was identified as Witness [redacted]

[redacted] was Suspect Bermudez' [redacted] and she was being detained by deputies.

Sergeant [redacted] approached the deputies who had been involved in the incident, when a screaming female exited the apartment complex of the target location. She identified herself as Witness [redacted] the [redacted] of Suspect Lara. Sergeant [redacted] ordered her to walk to him. She complied. He spoke with her behind his Tahoe. She stated Suspect Bermudez was a [redacted] of hers. She described him as "crazy" and a friend of her [redacted] Suspect Lara. She told Sergeant [redacted] in Spanish, that her [redacted] Suspect Lara, was "hiding" south of the suspect vehicle. Witness [redacted] told Sergeant [redacted] that her [redacted] owned the suspect vehicle and had been out with Suspect Bermudez.

Sergeant [redacted] asked the deputies involved if they had engaged a second suspect. They all told him, "no." Sergeant [redacted] used his patrol vehicle's public address (PA) to call out Suspect Lara by name, but he did not comply.

Soon after, Sergeant [redacted] heard a prowler call for the target location apartment complex. It stated that a male ran into the laundry room, located on the south side of the apartment complex.

Sergeant [redacted] believed there were two outstanding suspects, in addition to him needing to render medical aid to Suspect Bermudez. Sergeant [redacted] identified several threats in close proximity to Suspect Bermudez, which posed deep concern for a safe rescue. Sergeant [redacted] identified the following threats:

-The suspect vehicle had tinted dark windows and had not been cleared

-The windows of the apartment [redacted] belonged to Suspect Lara

-The whereabouts of Suspect Lara were unknown

-The whereabouts of the outstanding potential third suspect was unknown

-The prowler call, which stated a male ran into the laundry room, went out

-The laundry room was located near the [redacted] corner of the apartment complex

-There were several family members and friends in the area

-The potential vulnerable mindset of the four shooter deputies

-And lack of available resources present

Based on his officer safety concerns, Sergeant [redacted] contacted the Special Enforcement Bureau and requested the assistance of the on-duty Emergency Services Detail (ESD) deputies. Sergeant [redacted] stated he contacted SEB's desk via radio. EDS Deputies Michael Wilber, Tracy River, and Brice Stella responded to the incident in their armored vehicle called a "Medcat." Sergeant [redacted] said ESD did not require approval to respond to emergent situations and they make their own notifications.

> **IAB Note:** There was no radio traffic indicating Sergeant [redacted] requested ESD via radio on the "patch."

Sergeant [redacted] met the ESD deputies 10-15 minutes after they arrived, and briefed them. The ESD deputies quickly formulated a rescue plan and put it into motion.

The "MedCat" was driven southbound Hillview Avenue and then turned into the driveway of the target location. The "MedCat" shielded deputy personnel from the threats of the suspect vehicle, and the walkway located at the southeast corner of the apartment complex. The deputies walked along the passenger side of the "MedCat." Deputies covered the high ground threats of the second story windows, while ESD deputies placed Suspect Bermudez on a hand carried stretcher.

The "MedCat" then reversed northbound Hillview Avenue while remaining between the threats and deputy personnel. Suspect Bermudez was carried northbound Hillview Avenue to Grace Place, where the Fire Department was waiting to render medical aid.

The ESD deputies advised Sergeant [redacted] that Suspect Lara was laying on the ground south of Unit 25's radio car. This is the first Sergeant [redacted] knew of Suspect Lara's whereabouts, however he did not know he was injured. ESD re-entered the scene using the same tactics, and discovered Suspect Lara had been shot as well. He was placed on a stretcher and carried to the area where the Fire Department was treating Suspect Bermudez. Both suspects were pronounced deceased. The rescue of both suspects took approximately 15 minutes.

Once the bodies were pronounced deceased, Sergeant [redacted] requested the Fire Department transport them to the hospital. The Fire Department declined to transport the bodies, stating that was not their policy. Sergeant [redacted] attempted to explain his concerns regarding the suspects being left at the scene. He feared the bodies would be lynched and cause problems with the growing crowd, which included friends and family members of the deceased. He also relayed that he did not have enough personnel to protect Fire Department personnel on scene. The Fire Department supervisor declined his request. Sergeant [redacted] never saw the bodies loaded into an ambulance or removed. Sergeant [redacted] saw the suspect's bodies, on stretchers, left in the middle of Hillview Avenue. In order to better protect the suspects' bodies and deputy

personnel, Sergeant [redacted] ordered deputy personnel to move the bodies, still on stretchers, to the east curb line of Hillview Avenue. He ordered deputy personnel to stay with the bodies. Sergeant [redacted] could not remember which deputies he tasked with the detail.

Sergeant [redacted] focus shifted back to the ongoing search for the outstanding third suspect. Additional members of the Special Weapons Team arrived to assist with the search. They searched the target location apartment complex, which included the laundry room where the prowler was reported to have been. A fourteen year old male, identified as Witness [redacted] exited the laundry room as deputies approached and said he was the person who ran into the laundry room and the one they were looking for. The search continued, however no other suspects or evidence of an outstanding suspect was located.

SERGEANT [redacted]

On March 16, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted] interviewed Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as Job **#49473**. Following is a summary of that interview:

Sergeant [redacted] has been a sergeant for approximately [redacted] two of which he spent as a field sergeant at East Los Angeles Station.

On November 16, 2014, Sergeant [redacted] was working East Los Angeles Station as the early morning shift field sergeant in the south end, which encompasses the cities of Cudahy and Maywood.

During the course of his shift, Sergeant [redacted] heard emergent radio traffic by Unit [redacted] The emergent traffic was that they had been involved in a deputy involved shooting. It was pre-arranged that if a major incident occurred in the north end, the south end sergeant's responsibilities were to establish and supervise the command post. If a major incident occurred in the south end, it would be vice versa.

Sergeant [redacted] responded to the area of the incident and initiated the command post on the southwest corner of Whittier Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard. He utilized his patrol Tahoe and its command post equipment. The command post was run by deputies.

Immediately, additional resources from nearby stations were requested. Sergeant [redacted] also established cell phone communication with [redacted] the on-scene field sergeant, Sergeant [redacted]

Sergeant [redacted] was aware of Sergeant [redacted] tactical background and stated he was more capable to handle the scene than he was.

Sergeant [redacted] recalled hearing radio traffic regarding a possible prowler or third suspect who ran across the street to a shed. Sergeant [redacted] said he was not aware of the details at the scene because he was at the command post.

The East Los Angeles Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Tim Westall, responded to the command post within a short period of time following the deputy involved shooting. Lieutenant Westall told Sergeant [redacted] to respond to the scene and remove the deputies who were involved in the shooting and transport them to the station. Sergeant [redacted] complied. He transported them, via radio car, to the station and their needs were met. Watch Sergeant Bojorquez, who sat with the deputies, ensured the deputies did not speak about the incident.

Sergeant [redacted] returned to the command post. Within approximately 10 minutes of returning to the command post, Sergeant [redacted] was summoned to the scene by Lieutenant Westall. Sergeant [redacted] met with Lieutenant Westall north of the active scene. They met on Hillview Avenue, near Grace Place. Lieutenant Westall was with Commander Ralph Webb. They briefly discussed why the suspects' bodies were moved from the scene. Sergeant [redacted] admitted he did not know all of the circumstances regarding the movement because he had been at the command post for the majority of the incident. Sergeant [redacted] was still actively supervising the tactical operation search for the outstanding suspect.

DEPUTY ERIC VALDEZ

On March 15, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau, Sergeant James Jordan, #[redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted] conducted an interview of Deputy Eric Valdez #[redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #12345**. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Valdez was assigned to patrol at East Los Angeles Station. He worked the early morning shift and was assigned as Unit 21. Deputy Valdez was also a [redacted] and was assigned to [redacted] Deputy Edgar Toriz. Deputy Valdez was the driver in the vehicle and Deputy Toriz was the "bookman."

Deputy Valdez was asked if he recalled the assault with a deadly weapon call that night. Deputy Valdez said he did. Just prior to the call, he was at Hubbard Street and Atlantic Boulevard, having a cup of coffee when he was flagged down by the assault victim who was identified as [redacted] Victim [redacted] told him three individuals in a vehicle pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at him. Victim [redacted] said the front passenger in the vehicle was the individual with the handgun, and described him as wearing a baseball cap with the word "Navy" in gold lettering.

Deputy Valdez said Victim [redacted] provided a vehicle license plate, which he ran through his Mobile Digital Computer. Deputy Valdez said the vehicle was registered to a location, approximately two blocks from where he was. He responded to the registration address to search for the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Valdez said he drove around the area a couple of times, searching for the suspect vehicle. He believed he was driving on Amalia Street, south of Verona, approaching Verona Avenue, when he heard emergency radio traffic related to the assault. Deputy Valdez recalled there being emergent radio traffic, however he could not recall what exactly was said. He indicated the emergent radio traffic involved the suspect vehicle, which was being detained.

Deputy Valdez said he drove his patrol vehicle eastbound on Verona Avenue, approaching Hillview Street. He noted the area was dark, but he could see a patrol vehicle with its amber lights on. The vehicle was parked at an angle, at the corner of Verona Avenue and Hillview Street. Deputy Valdez stopped his vehicle west of Hillview Street, and north of the target location.

Deputy Valdez said he heard deputies yelling as they were facing a southwest direction. He immediately heard gunshots and believed deputies were involved in a gun battle with the suspects. Deputy Valdez could see smoke from the gunfire in that same area. Deputy Valdez could not recall how many rounds were fired.

Deputy Valdez ran toward the patrol vehicles and took cover behind the first vehicle closest to him, with his firearm drawn. He positioned himself behind the trunk area, on the driver's side of the vehicle. He could see a male with a handgun, laying on the sidewalk. There was a second male on the ground several feet from the other male.

Deputy Valdez transmitted radio traffic that deputies had been involved in a shooting. He requested medical personnel to respond. He requested fire and paramedics stage on Whittier Boulevard because he was informed by one of the deputies involved in the shooting there was a third suspect, who ran westbound, from their location.

Deputy Valdez heard Deputy Mendoza say he saw a third suspect run into the south side of the target apartment complex. Deputy Valdez said it was the consensus of the deputies at the location, that it was not safe to approach the wounded suspects.

Deputy Valdez believed the third suspect was running westbound, but could possibly "double back." Deputy Valdez identified the apartment complex as a "friendly" location.

IAB Note: A "friendly location" means that a location was friendly to suspects and implied deputy personnel should use caution.

Deputy Valdez heard over his portable radio that there was a prowler call at the target apartment complex. The information in the call indicated the prowler ran into the laundry room.

The Special Weapons Team cleared the location and contacted a male juvenile, who surrendered to the deputies. Deputy Valdez never saw the juvenile who surrendered to the deputies. Deputy Valdez recalled the search for the third suspect took approximately twenty to thirty minutes.

Deputy Valdez did not recall when ESD arrived at the scene, but recalled they immediately formulated a plan to enter the "hot zone" and render aid to the wounded suspects. Deputy Valdez assisted ESD by driving the armored vehicle because he was trained to do so. Deputy Valdez used parked vehicles in the driveway and the armored vehicle to shield ESD deputies while they extracted the first suspect. His view was blocked by the armored vehicle and he was not able to see how the deputies recovered Suspect Bermudez.

Deputy Valdez said they had to make a second entry into the "hot zone" to recover the second suspect, who was laying at the end of the driveway of the apartment complex. Again, Deputy Valdez was not able to see how the ESD deputies recovered Suspect Lara due to his view being obstructed by the armored vehicle. Deputy Valdez recalled that Suspect Lara was given to the Fire Department for medical attention.

> **IAB NOTE:** Deputy Valdez referred to the area of where the suspects had been shot as the "hot zone." The term "hot zone" in this case, refers to an area with active threats.

Deputy Valdez said he remained at the intersection of Hillview Avenue and Verona Street, north of the location, while the SEB tactical team searched for the third outstanding suspect. He and other deputies were trying to keep family members of the suspects out of the containment and away from the location.

<u>DEPUTY MANUEL NAVARRO</u>

On March 15, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau, Sergeant James Jordan #[redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] conducted an interview of Deputy Manual Navarro #[redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #12345**. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2016, Deputy Navarro was assigned to East Los Angeles Station. He was assigned as Unit 23A while working his regular early morning shift. He was a [redacted] and his partner was, newly assigned to patrol, Deputy Catalina Diaz #[redacted]

Deputy Navarro said prior to the 245 PC call, he was at the corner of Hubbard Street and Atlantic Boulevard having a cup of coffee with other deputies. They were approached by a male adult, identified as Victim [redacted] who said he had been assaulted by three males in a car. Victim [redacted] said the front passenger in the vehicle pointed a gun at him. Victim [redacted] described the front passenger wearing a baseball cap with the word "Navy" on the front.

Victim [redacted] told deputies he followed the suspect vehicle and was able to get the vehicle license plate number. The vehicle returned to the [redacted] block of Verona Street, which was approximately two blocks south of their location. Units began searching the area and responded to the registered address to possibly locate the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Navarro was traveling on Goodrich Boulevard, when he heard emergency radio traffic transmitted by Unit [redacted] He responded to the location and drove westbound on Grace Place, from Goodrich Boulevard. He said he heard gunshots as he approached Hillview Avenue. Deputy Navarro was not able to see southbound on Hillview Avenue due to an apartment building obstructing his view. He heard four to five gunshots that were not in succession. While travelling southbound on Hillview Avenue, he heard emergent radio traffic that deputies were involved in a shooting.

Deputy Navarro stopped his vehicle at the southeast corner of Hillview Avenue and Verona Street. He saw deputies behind their patrol vehicles taking cover, and a small cloudy haze of smoke consistent with gunfire, in the area. He could see a male laying on the sidewalk, with a gun at his left side. The street lighting was not bright, but the patrol vehicles that were parked in front of the location had their vehicle spotlights illuminating the direction of the suspect laying in the street.

Deputy Navarro could not recall who said there was a female witness that stated a third suspect was seen running south from the location and into an apartment complex. He recalled hearing someone say they saw a third suspect pop their head out from a wrought iron gate at the target location. He said he took cover behind his patrol car and told his partner to keep her eyes on the location.

Deputy Navarro said the deputies were attempting to formulate a tactical approach to render aid to the suspect, who was identified as Suspect Bermudez, laying on the sidewalk. Deputies did not feel it was safe because Suspect Bermudez was laying in front of a two-story apartment complex and there was no way to protect themselves. He said he could also see a second suspect in the driveway of the location.

Sergeant [redacted] who was the field sergeant, arrived at the scene quickly. He did not recall who made the decision to call Special Enforcement Bureau, but he remembers them arriving to the scene. He saw SEB personnel drive toward

Suspect Bermudez in an armored vehicle. He saw the deputies place Suspect Bermudez on a gurney and transport him to the corner of Hillview Avenue and Grace Place where Los Angeles County Fire Department was waiting.

Deputy Navarro recalled SEB making a second trip into the area. They approached a second male, who was identified as Suspect Lara, and they transported him to Los Angeles County Fire Department staging area as well. It took SEB approximately five minutes to remove both suspects from the location. Once the two suspects were rendered medical aid, Deputy Navarro posted on Verona Street, on the north sidewalk, directly across from the target location. Deputy Navarro saw a front door to an apartment was open on the second floor of the target apartment complex. He advised other units of the open door.

Deputy Navarro said the search for the third suspect continued for 20-30 minutes. He said Aero Bureau was on scene and providing additional information, as ground deputies continued to search for the third suspect. Aero relayed information that the laundry room door was open. The laundry room was located on the south side of the location. Deputy Navarro said he remained on the north side of the location. He said a male juvenile surrendered to SEB deputies and the location was cleared. Once the location was cleared he was assigned, along with his partner, to canvas the area for potential witnesses.

DEPUTY BRICE STELLA

On March 15, 2016 Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants [redacted] and James Jordan #[redacted] interviewed Deputy Brice Stella #[redacted] at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed under **Job #49431**. Following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Stella has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) for 14 years. He worked [redacted] and [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Stella was on duty and partnered with Deputies Tracy River and Mike Wilber. They received a call from the desk, which indicated East Los Angeles Station deputies had been involved in a shooting and there were two suspects down.

Deputies Stella, Wilber, and River responded to a location in their armored vehicle (MedCat). They arrived in approximately 20 minutes.

Upon their arrival, they were contacted by Sergeant [redacted] who was the East Los Angeles field sergeant and on-scene supervisor. Sergeant [redacted] advised them there were two suspects down and a third outstanding suspect, potentially armed, near proximity to the scene. Deputies Stella, Wilber, and River formulated

a plan with on-scene personnel. The goal was to use the armored vehicle as cover for deputies rescuing the suspects.

Within approximately 10 minutes of their arrival, ESD Deputies approached Suspect Bermudez, who was laying in the driveway. Suspect Bermudez was loaded onto a stretcher and carried out of the kill zone behind the cover of the MedCat. Deputies Wilber and River carried him to a designated safe zone on Hillview Street, where Los Angeles County Fire Engine 22 and Squad 3, supervised by Captain Rick Lewis, were waiting. They relinquished Suspect Bermudez to the Fire Department and repeated the rescue plan with Suspect Lara.

Deputy Stella described the area as being too tight for the MedCat to be utilized as cover the entire time of the rescue. The MedCat could not get between some of the parked cars and the downed suspects. The deputies temporarily had to expose themselves to a potential dangerous threat in order to affect the rescue. Cover deputies affixed their weapons on potential threats during the six to seven minute rescue operation.

The ESD deputies were unable to medically treat the suspects or determine if they were deceased while in the kill zone. The suspects did not exhibit any obvious signs of life upon contact. The protocol to determine if someone is deceased takes approximately two minutes and it would not have been safe to do.

Due to the ongoing tactical search for the possible third suspect, the ESD deputies returned to the scene to support deputy personnel, while the Fire Department treated the suspects. During the search operation, a male (approximately 14 years old) was discovered exiting the laundry room of the target location apartment complex.

DEPUTY MICHAEL WILBER

On March 15, 2016 Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants [redacted] and James Jordan #[redacted] interviewed Deputy Michael Wilber #[redacted] at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed under **Job #49432**. Following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Wilber has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) for 18 years. He worked [redacted] and [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Wilber received information that East Los Angeles Station had a deputy involved shooting and there were two suspects down and a possible outstanding armed third suspect. Deputy Wilber and his partners Deputies Stella and River, responded to the scene with their armored vehicle, within 15 minutes. Upon their arrival, they were met and briefed by Sergeant [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] told them there was a possible third suspect in a

laundry room, located in the rear of the location, but within close proximity to the downed suspects.

They quickly formulated a plan to utilize their armored vehicle as cover during the rescue. There was discussion of possible threats being the second story windows above the scene, and a rear gate that opened to a walkway. The walkway went to the laundry room, which was the possible location of the outstanding suspect.

The plan was to use the MedCat as cover for as long as possible, then cover the threats with firearms. The MedCat was not able to provide cover throughout the entire rescue operation due to limited space at the scene. ESD deputies loaded Suspect Bermudez onto a stretcher and walked him out of the kill zone. The ESD deputies used the MedCat as cover by keeping it between them and the possible threats. They took Suspect Bermudez to Los Angeles County Fire paramedics, who treated him. Then they successfully repeated the process with Suspect Lara. Neither suspects exhibited signs of life.

Deputy Wilber estimated the rescue took 5-7 minutes. Following the rescue, ESD deputies provided support to the SEB team and patrol during the search for the outstanding third suspect.

DEPUTY TRACY RIVER

On March 15, 2016 Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants [redacted] #[redacted] and James Jordan #[redacted] interviewed Deputy Tracy River at the Special Enforcement Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed under **Job #49443**. Following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy River has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) for 15 years. He has worked as an ESD paramedic the entire time there. Over the past 15 years, Deputy River has treated almost every type of medical emergency.

On November 16, 2014, Deputy River responded to East Los Angeles Station for a deputy involved shooting, based on either radio traffic heard or by a call to their desk. Deputy River responded in the Medcat with his two partners, Deputy Wilber and Deputy Stella. They arrived within 20-30 minutes.

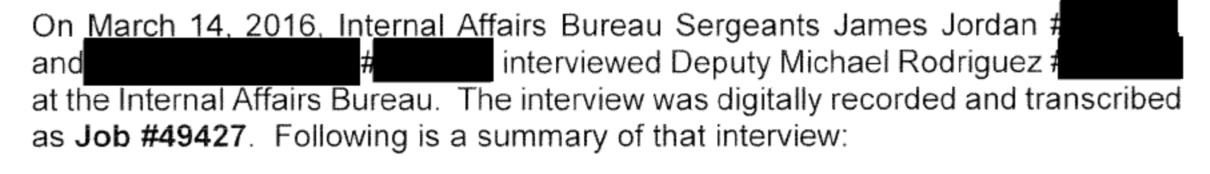
Upon arrival, they met with Sergeant [redacted] They were told there were two suspects down on the sidewalk area of the scene and a possible third suspect outstanding.

Based on the information, they discussed a plan for rescue. They utilized the MedCat as cover to evacuate the downed suspects from the kill zone. The rescue took approximately five minutes to complete. The downed suspects were relinquished to the Fire Department who rendered aid.

Deputy River said it would have been impossible to treat the suspects within the scene because of several threats, and the time it takes, per protocol, to determine death if there were no obvious signs of life.

Once the rescue was completed, Deputy River assisted with the search for the outstanding third suspect. He recalled searching near the south side of the apartment complex. They searched a laundry room and located a 14 year old male, who was identified as a family member of one of the deceased, and the possible outstanding third suspect. The search lasted between one and two hours and did not produce any additional suspects.

DEPUTY MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ



On March 14, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted] interviewed Deputy Michael Rodriguez #[redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #49427**. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Rodriguez was working East Los Angeles Station, assigned as Unit 24, on the early morning shift. Deputy Rodriguez was a [redacted] assigned patrol deputy, David Sanchez.

At approximately 0200 hours, Deputies Rodriguez and Sanchez were at the corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Hubbard Street. They were approached by Victim [redacted] who said while he was walking to his parked vehicle, he heard the sound of a gun being racked. When he turned around toward the sound, he saw a male Hispanic inside a vehicle, armed with a handgun. Victim [redacted] provided a description of the vehicle, which was a grey Hyundai, sport utility vehicle, and a license plate. Inside the vehicle were three male Hispanics; the front passenger was armed with a handgun. He described the armed suspect as wearing a dark baseball cap with the word "Navy" in gold lettering, on the front of the cap.

Deputy Rodriguez said he and Deputy Sanchez were assigned the handle on the call and they initiated a crime broadcast of the suspects and the vehicle. Deputy Rodriguez said he noted the vehicle's license plate returned registered to an address within the immediate area. Assisting East Los Angeles patrol units began to search the area for the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Rodriguez said within five minutes after contacting Victim [redacted] he heard emergency radio traffic of the "998." Shortly after, Deputies Rodriguez and Sanchez transported Victim [redacted] to the command post on Atlantic Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard, to be interviewed by Homicide Detectives.

Deputy Rodriguez said he and Deputy Sanchez were tasked with running the command post, updating information, monitoring radio communication, and

maintaining the major incident log. Deputy Rodriguez said he believed all communications between the scene and the command post were conducted on L-Tac and A-Tac.

Deputy Rodriguez said Los Angeles County Fire and Paramedics were summoned to the command post within minutes of the shooting and staged their vehicles at Whittier Boulevard and Amalia Avenue. Deputy Rodriguez said the scene was still a risk to fire personnel, the scene was still active with people coming out, deputies still had their weapons drawn, and deputies did not know the condition of the two individuals shot at the scene or what risk they posed. Based on the information at that time, the Fire Department did not enter the scene to render medical aid.

IAB Investigators asked Deputy Rodriguez if he recalled any discussion regarding a tactical plan to rescue the suspects, or if an arrest team or rescue team was established for that purpose. Deputy Rodriguez said he recalled discussion of getting a group of deputies together. He did not recall a specific plan, but recalled discussions regarding deputies approaching the suspects, who were down, to render them aid. They wanted to make sure deputies were not harmed. Deputy Rodriguez said the issue of how to move the bodies came up. Subsequently, Special Enforcement Bureau, Emergency Services Detail Deputies, rescued the suspects' bodies to render aid. This occurred 20 to 30 minutes after the shooting. Deputy Rodriguez said he was not informed SEB or ESD was responding to the scene until they arrived.

DEPUTY DAVID SANCHEZ

On March 16, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan, #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted], interviewed Deputy David Sanchez, #[redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #49470**. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Sanchez was working East Los Angeles Station, assigned as Unit 24, on the early morning shift. Deputy Sanchez was a newly assigned [redacted] His [redacted] was Deputy Rodriguez.

At approximately 0220 hours, Deputy Sanchez received the handle on a 245 PC call. Deputy Sanchez wrote the criminal report associated with the call.

He contacted Victim [redacted] who appeared visibly shaken by the incident. Victim [redacted] said he had just left work as [redacted] for the "[redacted] He ran to his nearby parked vehicle. He followed the suspect vehicle and got the vehicle's California license plate number.

Victim [redacted] described the vehicle as a grey Hyundai SUV. Victim [redacted] said there were three suspects in the vehicle, but only the front passenger pointed a

gun at him. The front passenger was described as a male Hispanic wearing a black baseball hat with the word "Navy" in gold letters. Victim [redacted] was unable to give a description of the other two suspects in the vehicle.

Approximately five minutes after Deputy Sanchez relayed the information in the crime broadcast, he heard Unit [redacted] indicated they located the suspect vehicle. Shortly after, he heard there had been a deputy involved shooting. Based on the radio traffic, Deputy Sanchez asked Victim [redacted] to remain with them while they initiated a command post. Victim [redacted] agreed.

Deputy Sanchez was not versed in setting up a command post, therefore, another more experienced deputy handled it while he wrote the 245 PC report. Approximately 30 minutes later, Deputy Sanchez was tasked with watching two females who had been transported to the command post. Deputy Sanchez said the females were [redacted] of the two deceased suspects. While waiting with the two females, Deputy Sanchez heard radio traffic regarding a possible prowler in the laundry room of the target location, where a possible third suspect was outstanding. He then heard radio traffic regarding moving the bodies. He lowered the radio's volume thinking it would upset the two females to hear.

Deputy Sanchez was relieved hours later. He returned to East Los Angeles Station where he completed his report.

DEPUTY EDGAR TORIZ

On March 16, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan # [redacted] and [redacted] # [redacted] interviewed Deputy Edgar Toriz # [redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #49471**. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Toriz was working East Los Angeles Station, assigned as unit 21, on the early morning shift. Deputy Toriz was a newly assigned [redacted] His [redacted] was Deputy Valdez.

At approximately 0220 hours, Deputy Toriz and Deputy Valdez were parked at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Hubbard Street, located in the unincorporated County area of East Los Angeles. They were approached by Victim [redacted] who stated three suspects in a grey Hyundai SUV had just pointed a gun at him. He had reported the incident to the station prior to contacting the deputies. Victim [redacted] was able to get the license plate of the suspect vehicle. Deputy Toriz ran the suspect vehicle license plate via Department resources. It returned to a local residence within a few blocks. Deputy Toriz and Deputy Valdez searched the area for the suspect vehicle in their patrol car. While searching the area, Deputy Toriz heard a crime broadcast regarding the 245 PC on the patch.

There were three suspects in the vehicle. The one suspect with the handgun was described as a male wearing a black hat with a "Navy" symbol in yellow on it.

While Deputy Toriz and Deputy Valdez searched the area for the suspect vehicle, Deputy Toriz heard emergent traffic that deputies were detaining the suspect vehicle at gunpoint. Deputy Valdez drove Code 3 to the incident location, which was approximately half of a mile away. As Deputy Toriz exited his patrol car, he heard deputies yelling, "Drop the gun! Drop the gun!" Seconds later, Deputy Toriz heard 15-20 gunshots. Deputy Toriz ran to assist the deputies, but was delayed by a female, identified as [redacted] who came out of the apartment complex on the [redacted] Witness [redacted] was yelling and crying as she approached. Deputy Toriz discovered she was a [redacted] of one of the suspects and ordered her to leave the scene several times. She refused to return to her apartment complex. Deputy Toriz handcuffed her and detained her in the back seat of a patrol car. Deputy Toriz remained near the patrol car where Witness [redacted] was detained for the majority of the incident. She was eventually transported to the command post.

Deputy Toriz was assigned the task of maintaining the major incident log of the scene. He remained near the intersection of Hillview Avenue and Verona Street. While there, he saw ESD drive southbound in their armored vehicle with four deputies. They entered the area where the suspects were laying and rescued both suspects, one at a time. The wounded suspects were relinquished to Los Angeles County Fire for medical treatment at Hillview Avenue and Grace Place.

Deputy Toriz heard public address (PA) announcements ordering the outstanding third suspect to surrender. After the search for the third suspect was completed, Deputy Toriz was told by his [redacted] to note evidence items and their location within his patrol notebook.

DEPUTY CATALINA DIAZ

On March 18, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan # [redacted] and [redacted] # [redacted] interviewed Deputy Catalina Diaz # [redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #49487**. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Diaz was working East Los Angeles Station, assigned as Unit 23A, on the PM shift. Deputy Diaz was a newly assigned deputy [redacted] Her [redacted] was Deputy Navarro.

Deputy Diaz was patrolling the unincorporated County area of East Los Angeles at approximately 0220 hours, when she heard a 245 PC call voiced over dispatch. She assisted by checking the vicinity for the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle was described as a grey Hyundai SUV. Minutes after the call was voiced, the handling unit conducted a crime broadcast over the patch. The broadcast included

vehicle description and a license plate. It also provided a suspect description that the front passenger with the handgun was wearing a black baseball hat with the word "Navy" in gold letters on it.

Deputy Diaz ran the suspect vehicle in Department resources and discovered it was registered to a nearby location. Deputy Diaz and her [redacted] drove to the neighborhood where the vehicle was registered. While in transit, Deputy Diaz heard emergent radio traffic that an East Los Angeles patrol unit was detaining the suspect vehicle on Hillview Avenue south of Verona Street. Radio traffic updated that the suspect vehicle and patrol unit were facing southbound on Hillview Avenue. Based on that information, Deputy Diaz and Deputy Navarro approached from the north, off of Grace Place. While responding to the location, their windows were down. Deputy Diaz and Deputy Navarro turned southbound Hillview Avenue from Grace Place and she heard gunfire, but did not see where it came from. Deputy Diaz and Deputy Navarro approached southbound on Hillview Avenue and parked behind Unit [redacted] patrol vehicle. As she exited the passenger side of the patrol car, Deputy Diaz saw four deputies with their guns drawn, aiming southbound.

Deputy Diaz was told by her [redacted] to seek cover. She did not recall where she found cover and described the moment as her "head was spinning." She saw a suspect, identified as Suspect Bermudez, laying on the sidewalk in front of the patrol vehicle. There was a gun on the ground next to his hand. His head was to the west and his feet were to the east.

Deputy Diaz saw a female, who was identified as [redacted] interfering with the deputies nearest Suspect Bermudez. She searched Witness [redacted] and detained her in the back seat of a patrol car.

Deputy Diaz heard there was a possible outstanding third suspect. Deputy Diaz and her [redacted] took a containment spot on the north sidewalk of Verona Street across from the target apartment complex. Within minutes, Deputy Diaz heard a prowler call associated with the target apartment complex. There was radio traffic that someone ran, from the suspect vehicle, westbound and into the target apartment complex.

While on her containment spot, Deputy Diaz saw an armored vehicle with several deputies, approach the location near Suspect Bermudez. She did not see the rescue because she was focused on the front of the target apartment complex and the rescue took place around the corner and out of her view. She stayed at her containment point for "hours" until the search for the outstanding third suspect was over.

When the tactical operation ended, Deputy Diaz was tasked with canvassing for witnesses. She authored a supplemental report documenting her observations and actions.

DEPUTY ANDREW ALATORRE

On March 16, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan [redacted] and [redacted] # [redacted] interviewed Deputy Andrew Alatorre [redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #49472**. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Alatorre was working East Los Angeles Station, assigned as Unit 28, on the early morning shift. Deputy Alatorre was assigned to a one man car in the City of Maywood.

During the early morning hours, Deputy Alatorre recalled a voiced call that described an assault with a deadly weapon and robbery. One of the suspects was described as wearing a "Navy" hat with gold lettering. Minutes later, Deputy Alatorre heard emergent radio traffic that deputies had been involved in a shooting. Deputy Alatorre responded to the location. He maintained traffic control on Verona Street, east of Hillview Avenue. He conducted traffic control until the search for an outstanding third suspect was completed.

After the search for a third suspect was completed, Deputy Alatorre was tasked with canvassing for witnesses. He contacted [redacted] at [redacted] Mr. [redacted] said he awoke to gunshots in the middle of the night. He got out of bed and walked toward his apartment window. He immediately looked out and saw an unknown male Hispanic running from the entry gate of his apartment complex. The male ran westbound then southbound along the west boundary of the apartment complex and out of view. Mr. [redacted] stated the path the male took lead to the laundry room located at the rear of the apartment complex. Mr. [redacted] said there was poor lighting due to the hour.

DEPUTY RICARDO HERNANDEZ

On March 24, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant James Jordan [redacted] and Lieutenant Kelly Adler [redacted] interviewed Deputy Ricardo Hernandez [redacted] at East Los Angeles Station. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as Job #49541. Following is a summary of that interview:

On November 16, 2014, Deputy Hernandez was working East Los Angeles Station, assigned as Unit 27, on the early morning shift. Deputy Hernandez was assigned to a one man car in the City of Commerce.

In the early morning hours, Deputy Hernandez responded to a possible 245/417 call. While in transit, his tire became flat near the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Telegraph Road. He heard the crime broadcast associated with the above call and recalled it had a known address of the registered owner to the suspect vehicle. Once his flat tire was repaired, he heard emergent radio traffic that

deputies had been in a shooting. He responded toward the location and took a containment spot at Goodrich Avenue and Verona Street, which was one block east of the shooting location.

After several minutes passed, Deputy Hernandez was directed by Unit 21, Deputy Valdez, to meet with the Fire Department near Hillview Avenue and Grace Place. His assignment was to follow the Fire Department to the hospital and relay the suspects' condition and status.

Upon his arrival at the intersection of Hillview Avenue and Grace Place, Deputy Hernandez saw the Fire Department treating Suspect Bermudez and Suspect Lara. They were on stretchers and placed along the east curb line of Hillview Avenue, south of Grace Place.

Suspect Bermudez was pronounced deceased by the Fire Department at 0336 hours and Suspect Lara was pronounced deceased at 0340 hours.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Hernandez wrote in his supplemental report that Suspect Lara was pronounced deceased at 0640 hours. During his IAB interview, he clarified the accurate time was 0340 hours.

Deputy Hernandez said an undetermined amount of time later, the suspects' bodies were moved into an ambulance, parked in the middle of Hillview Avenue. 10-15 minutes later, the suspects' bodies were removed from the ambulance and placed along the east curb line. Deputy Hernandez helped moved one of the bodies, but could not recall if he removed the body from the ambulance or from the middle of the street. He could not recall who helped him carry the stretcher. He moved the body because he was directed to by Sergeant [redacted] Deputy Hernandez did not document the movement of the bodies in his supplemental report.

Deputy Hernandez was given the wallets of both suspects after being removed by the Fire Department. Later that morning, he gave the wallets to Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] which was documented in his supplemental report.

WITNESS RICK LEWIS (Los Angeles County Fire Department)

On March 19, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants James Jordan #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted] interviewed Los Angeles County Fire Captain Rick Lewis #[redacted] at Los Angeles County Fire Station #3. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed as **Job #49487**. Following is a summary of that interview.

On November 16, 2014, Witness Captain Lewis was working Los Angeles County Fire Station #22. He was assigned as the Captain of Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine Company #22.

Witness Captain Lewis has been on the Los Angeles County Fire Department for approximately 16 years. He has held the rank of captain for approximately [redacted] years.

Witness Captain Lewis reviewed the Los Angeles County Fire Department paperwork, which included incident details and medical forms for Suspect Bermudez and Suspect Lara. On November 16, 2014, Engine Company #22 received a call (Incident # 2014-0296018-000) regarding a deputy involved shooting at 0241 hours. They responded and were advised by Sheriff's dispatch to stage at the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Hillview Avenue. Engine #22 arrived and staged at approximately 0244 hours. They remained staged until approximately 0330 hours, when they were given clearance to enter the scene, by Sheriff's dispatch. They met with Sheriff's personnel at the intersection of Hillview Avenue and Grace Place. Almost immediately upon their arrival, at approximately 0336 hours, they were given Suspect Bermudez on a stretcher by ESD deputies. Witness Captain Lewis described Suspect Bermudez as pulseless and not breathing. Suspect Bermudez had sustained two gunshot wounds to his chest and was determined deceased at approximately 0339 hours. For further information, see Los Angeles County Fire Department paperwork **[EXHIBIT G]**.

Witness Captain Lewis said they received Suspect Lara just minutes after Suspect Bermudez. Suspect Lara was also described as pulseless and not breathing. He was in cardiac arrest. Suspect Lara had sustained one gunshot wound to his anterior neck area and was determined deceased at 0340 hours. Witness Captain Lewis did not know exactly how the suspects were identified. He did not recall seeing the suspects' identifications or wallets.

Once the suspects were determined deceased, the Fire Department left them in the street. Witness Captain Lewis was requested by a sergeant to place them in the rear of an ambulance. Witness Captain Lewis declined, stating they were no longer medical patients. Minutes later, Witness Captain Lewis was directed by Battalion Chief Mitch Brown [redacted] to load the suspects in the ambulance. Fire Department personnel loaded them. Several minutes later, Witness Captain Lewis was directed by Battalion Chief Mitch Brown to unload the suspects from the ambulance. Fire Department personnel unloaded them and placed them in the street near their approximate original location of treatment.

Pending the outcome of the tactical operation, Witness Captain Lewis and fire personnel remained at the intersection of Hillview Avenue and Grace Place as on-scene medical personnel. Fire personnel left the incident at approximately 0539 hours.

IAB Note: IAB investigators made several attempts to Battalion Chief Mitch Brown, however he did not return phone calls for an interview.

VICTIM [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, Victim [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detective Angus Ferguson at the command post. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 44]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46842**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Victim [redacted] stated he worked [redacted] for the [redacted] the night of the incident. The [redacted] was located at [redacted] After work that night, he walked northbound Atlantic Boulevard toward his parked vehicle. While walking, Victim [redacted] heard the sound of a gun being "racked." He looked to his left and saw a male Hispanic in the front passenger seat, of a slow moving vehicle, pointing a gun at him.

Victim [redacted] ran toward his nearby parked vehicle and entered it. Unbeknownst to the suspects, Victim [redacted] followed them and reported the license plate to the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station. Victim [redacted] described the suspect vehicle as a grey Hyundai, SUV type vehicle, with a license plate number of [redacted] Victim [redacted] said he was confident there were at least two suspects in the vehicle, but could not say for sure if there was a third occupant.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Dameron Peyton and Margarita Barron in the briefing room of East Los Angeles Station. The interview was conduct in Spanish and was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 69-70]**. The interview was translated by Detective Barron. This interview was transcribed under **Job #46869**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] is Suspect Lara's [redacted] They [redacted] for approximately seven years. They recently moved to their apartment, located at [redacted]

Witness [redacted] said Suspect Lara and she attended a party at a neighbor's apartment across the street that day. They returned home at approximately 2300 hours. Suspect Lara said he was hungry and left to get some food. Witness [redacted] said Suspect Lara was alone when he left the apartment.

Witness [redacted] described Suspect Lara's car as a four door grey Hyundai.

At approximately 0200 hours, Witness [redacted] woke up to use the restroom. She heard police giving commands, four to five times, in English, for someone to get on the ground. Witness [redacted] looked out her bedroom window, which is directly [redacted] where the incident occurred. She described the lighting as very good due to streetlights. She saw deputies pointing their guns at Suspect Bermudez. Witness [redacted] knew Suspect Bermudez as a former neighbor who moved. She saw Suspect Lara drive his vehicle slowly and park it in the driveway. Suspect [redacted] then exited his car and stood near the rear of it.

Witness [redacted] said Suspect Bermudez was closer to the police than Suspect Lara, who was 20-30 feet behind him. Suspect Lara remained near the rear of his vehicle. She said Suspect Lara does not speak English. Witness [redacted] said Suspect Bermudez moved his right hand and the deputies shot.

Witness [redacted] said both Suspect Bermudez and Suspect Lara consumed alcohol at the party earlier in the evening. Witness [redacted] said she saw Suspect Bermudez with a toy gun at the party. Later in the interview, she recanted that statement.

Witness [redacted] described Suspect Bermudez as a person who occasionally dressed in military attire and would possess toy guns. She described one of Suspect Bermudez' guns as approximately eighteen inches long. Suspect Bermudez would carry it over his shoulder.

Witness [redacted] described Suspect Bermudez as wearing military pants and a regular hat with initials on it.

Witness [redacted] saw and heard approximately 10 shots and then saw both suspects fall to the ground.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Dameron Peyton and Margarita Barron in the briefing room of East Los Angeles Station. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 70]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46870**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] is the younger [redacted] of Suspect Eduardo Bermudez. She lives in the [redacted] apartment located [redacted] the street from where the incident occurred. She had a birthday party for her three year old [redacted] the evening prior. Suspect Bermudez and Suspect Lara attended the party. The party ended at approximately 2300 hours. While going to bed, Witness [redacted] told her that Suspect Bermudez left with Suspect Lara.

At approximately 0215 hours, Witness [redacted] woke to loud voices yelling, "Get down!" She looked out her bedroom window and saw police pointing their guns at her [redacted] She ran outside and yelled, "It's not real!" (Referring to the gun Suspect Bermudez was holding in his hand).

Witness [redacted] said there were three or four deputies behind a police car, aiming their guns at Suspect Bermudez. The area was well lit and her [redacted] was holding a handgun that was visible to the deputies. After a short time, she heard three to five shots by the deputies. She did not see Suspect Lara because her focus was on her [redacted]

Witness [redacted] said her [redacted] Suspect Bermudez had recently purchased a replica pellet gun on line. She described the gun as black with brown hand grips. She said it looked like a real gun.

Witness [redacted] said her [redacted] Suspect Bermudez, suffered from mental problems and was under the care of a doctor. Suspect Bermudez was diagnosed with Bi-Polar Disorder and Depression and took medication.

Witness [redacted] said her [redacted] had always been fascinated with guns, military attire, and violent video games.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Dameron Peyton and Margarita Barron in the briefing room of East Los Angeles Station. The interview is summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 71]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46871**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated he was the [redacted] of Suspect Lara. He was spending the night in Suspect Lara's apartment. He said he attended a neighborhood birthday party with his [redacted] earlier in the evening before the incident. While at the party, Witness [redacted] saw a man dressed in black with army pants and a baseball hat, pointing a gun at someone. He described the gun as a black semi-automatic handgun that appeared real.

Witness [redacted] left the party and returned to his [redacted] apartment. Suspect Lara said he was going to the store. Witness [redacted] said he saw his [redacted] leave in his car and pick up the man dressed in black with army pants.

Witness [redacted] fell asleep. At approximately 0200 hours, Witness [redacted] his [redacted] woke him. Witness [redacted] heard shots. Both Witness [redacted] and he ran out of the apartment toward the incident. Deputies detained Witness [redacted]

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in his residence, [redacted] Witness [redacted] primary language is Spanish. Sergeant [redacted] assisted the investigators with translation. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 58-59]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46848**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] is [redacted] o Suspect Bermudez' [redacted] making him Suspect Bermudez' [redacted] Witness [redacted] said his [redacted] had a birthday for his [redacted] in the apartment and its courtyard, the night before the incident. Witness [redacted] described Suspect Bermudez as being unstable and having a mental disorder. Suspect Bermudez took medication for his mental problem.

Suspect Bermudez arrived at the party at approximately 2000 hours. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Bermudez drinking 5-6 beers at the party. Suspect Bermudez was in possession of a pellet gun, which looked real. Witness [redacted] said his [redacted] Suspect Lara, attended the birthday party as well, but left at approximately 2230 hours. Witness [redacted] went to sleep that night at approximately midnight.

Witness [redacted] slept in his bedroom, which was located on the [redacted] of the apartment complex in the [redacted] In the middle of the night, he awoke to loud noises. When he looked outside his bedroom window, he saw and heard several deputies yelling at Suspect Bermudez. The deputies were yelling commands in English and were pointing their weapons at Suspect Bermudez. Suspect Bermudez was born in the United States and understood English. Witness [redacted] described Suspect Bermudez as ignoring the deputies' orders with his hands down to his side. He could not see what was in Suspect Bermudez' hands.

Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] also woke up to the noise. She saw her [redacted] Suspect Bermudez, being contacted by deputies and she ran outside.

Witness [redacted] never saw Suspect Lara at the time of the shooting, but knew the grey SUV belonged to him.

WITNESSES [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] and his [redacted] were interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in their residence located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 60-61]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46850**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] ive in an apartment with their [redacted] The shooting scene was not visible from their apartment. Witness [redacted] said he awoke to yelling and sirens, followed by approximately twenty gunshots in rapid succession. He initially thought they were firecrackers because they happened so quickly.

Witness [redacted] said she awoke to the sounds of gunfire. No one else, except their [redacted] who were asleep during the incident, was in their apartment.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in his residence, [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 61]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46851**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she lived alone in the [redacted] apartment of the complex. Witness [redacted] slept through the entire incident and did not see or hear anything regarding the shooting.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in his residence, [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 61]**. The interview was not transcribed. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated he woke to the sound of a helicopter, but claimed to have not heard anything else.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in his residence located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 61]**. The interview was documented under **Job #46874**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated he slept through the entire incident, but stated his [redacted] and [redacted] heard police yelling commands at someone who had a gun. Witness [redacted] said his [redacted] heard the gunshots. His [redacted] only speak Spanish and were later identified and interviewed by Homicide Detectives Baron and Peyton.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in her residence located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 62-63]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46853**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she was in her bedroom with her [redacted] (Witness [redacted] and [redacted] She was awake during the incident because she gave her [redacted] a bottle. She heard deputies give several commands in English to Suspect Bermudez to put his hands up. Suspect Bermudez did not comply. The deputies shot Suspect Bermudez who then fell to the ground.

Witness [redacted] described Suspect Bermudez as standing in front of the patrol car. She said four deputies stood behind the patrol car. She said she was too far away to see anything in his hands, but motioned her hand toward her abdomen. Witness [redacted] said she did not see Suspect Lara at all. She stated Suspect Bermudez did not speak to the deputies.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in his apartment located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 63]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46853.** Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated he was asleep in his bedroom with his [redacted] Witness [redacted] stated he and his [redacted] awoke to the sounds of gunfire. They did not see anything else regarding the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in her apartment located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 63]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46853**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she was asleep in her bedroom with her door shut, with her [redacted] Witness [redacted] stated she and her [redacted] awoke to the sounds of gunfire. They did not see anything else regarding the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in her apartment located at [redacted] Witness [redacted] only speaks Spanish. Deputy Martin Ibarra #[redacted] translated for the Homicide Detectives. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 63-64]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46854**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she was asleep on the floor when her [redacted] (Witness [redacted] woke her. Witness [redacted] walked toward her bedroom window and saw deputies giving commands to Suspect Bermudez. The deputies were standing near their patrol car and Suspect Bermudez was in front of the patrol car. Witness [redacted] said the deputies were yelling commands in English then they shot Suspect Bermudez. Witness [redacted] said she could not see Suspect Bermudez' hands.

Witness [redacted] saw a young female, who was crying, exit the apartments and walk toward deputies. The deputies detained the female in the rear seat of a patrol car. Witness [redacted] did not see Suspect Lara.

Witness [redacted] knew of Suspect Bermudez in the neighborhood, but only had one contact with him. She said she did not know him to be crazy or a problem.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in her apartment located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 64]**. The interview was not transcribed. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] said she lived in her apartment with her [redacted] She was asleep with them in their living room. She heard several gunshots, but did not see anything.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in her apartment located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 64-65]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46855**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] stated she returned to her apartment from a night out. Witness [redacted] was in her bathroom when she heard deputies yelling at Suspect

Bermudez. Suspect Bermudez was standing on the sidewalk, in front of the deputies. The four deputies had their guns pointed at Suspect Bermudez. She quickly ran into another room and told her [redacted] what was happening. When she returned to the bathroom window, she saw the four deputies, who were standing behind their patrol vehicle, shoot at Suspect Bermudez. Witness [redacted] immediately turned her head when the shots were fired because she did not want to see what happened.

Witness [redacted] said she was too far away to see Suspect Bermudez' hands at the time of the shooting. She said it was dark during the incident. She said she never saw the second suspect.

Witness [redacted] said paramedics moved Suspect Bermudez to a location in front of her house. She saw he was wearing a brown jacket, a white shirt and army pants.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Todd Anderson and Jonas Shipe in her apartment located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 65-66]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46856**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] lived in [redacted] apartment with her [redacted] and [redacted] the street from the incident. She heard police yelling, in English, for someone to put their hands up. She looked out her bedroom window and saw deputies standing behind their patrol car and pointing their guns at someone who she could not see. She heard the suspect say, "Por que?" at least twice, and a woman scream "No!"

Witness [redacted] ran into her [redacted] bedroom and then heard shooting. Witness [redacted] stated she heard the deputies tell the suspect to put his hands up 4-5 times. She heard the orders given in English and Spanish.

Witness [redacted] did not see the actual shooting.

WITNESS [redacted] and [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed by Homicide Detectives Dameron Peyton and Margarita Barron in their apartment located at [redacted] The interview was conducted in Spanish and was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 71-72]**. The interview was translated by Detective Barron. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46872**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] said he woke up to a commotion at approximately 0245 hours. He looked out his [redacted] bedroom window and saw two males he recognized as "Ricardo" (Suspect Lara) and "Eduardo" (Suspect Bermudez). Witness [redacted] heard the deputies yelling at the two males to put their hands in the air. They were speaking in English.

Witness [redacted] said he did not see anything in the hands of Suspect Lara or [redacted] He heard 7-8 shots fired.

Witness [redacted] stated she also heard a commotion outside her apartment. She looked out of her kitchen window and saw and heard deputies telling two males to put their hands up. The males were in close proximity. She heard 8-9 shots fired.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Dameron Peyton and Margarita Barron in her apartment located at [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 72]**. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46873**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] who lives with her [redacted] Witness [redacted] heard yelling that woke her at approximately 0200 hours. She looked out her window and saw the police pointing their guns at Suspect Bermudez. The police were yelling, "Put your hands in the air!" and, "Drop the gun!"

Witness [redacted] described Suspect Bermudez as drunk because his speech was slurred as he repeated, "You don't know who I am."

Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Bermudez move his right hand toward the center of his chest, but did not see him holding a gun. The deputies fired their guns approximately six times, and Suspect Bermudez fell to the ground. She then saw a black gun on the sidewalk near Suspect Bermudez.

Witness [redacted] said she had seen Suspect Bermudez with toy guns in the past.

WITNESS [redacted]

On November 16, 2014, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Dameron Peyton and Margarita Barron in her apartment located at [redacted] The interview was conducted in Spanish and was summarized in the Homicide Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 73].** The interview was translated by Detective Barron. The interview was transcribed under **Job #46873**. Following is a brief summary of the interview:

Witness [redacted] lives in the apartment with her [redacted] Witness [redacted] Witness [redacted] said she was awakened by loud voices.

Witness [redacted] said she looked out her apartment window and saw police. She saw Suspect Bermudez motioning with his right hand inside his jacket. She did not see Suspect Bermudez holding any weapons. The deputies gave commands, but Witness [redacted] (who only speaks Spanish), did not understand them. Deputies fired 6-7 shots.